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## Debtor-Creditor Compromise "Fair Means" Of Revaluing Yen Payments New Ordinance Has First Reading

The Debtor-Creditor (Occupation Period) Ordinance 1948—Government's compromise plan for revaluing claims in occupation currency in respect of repayments made during the enemy occupation of the Colony—passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

In a long review and explanation of the measure the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke), who introduced the Bill, said:

"This Bill has been before the public for over two months and as it has aroused some degree of public interest I might perhaps add to the very full explanation given by the Attorney General in the House and the Hon. Mr. Clarke in the Legislative Council, a brief explanation, in non-technical terms, of Government's policy on this controversial matter, and of the purpose which it is hoped to achieve.

"When the enemy overran the Colony at the end of 1941, one of his first steps was to introduce a currency of his own. It was a paper currency which was issued without backing.

"The 'Military Yen' as the new currency unit was called, first circulated at the rate of one Military yen to two Hong Kong dollars, and was subsequently revalued at the rate of one Military yen to four Hong Kong dollars.

"In May 1943 the rate of exchange against the Hong Kong dollar was entirely abolished and the use of the Hong Kong dollar made illegal. This meant that after that date the value of the Military yen depended entirely on the confidence which it could command; it depended in fact on the military prestige of the enemy who issued it.

"The following are figures for the value of Military yen notes in circulation during the occupation period:

Dec. 1942	NY 20 1/2 million
1943	NY 300 "
1944	NY 300 "
Aug. 1945	NY 1,903 "

"Another early step that the enemy took, after his occupation of the Colony, was to take over the firms of those countries with whom he was at war. He appointed liquidators and encouraged them to wind up the necessary steps of the winding up was to collect debts owing to these concerns.

"In collecting these debts, the Japanese were anxious to secure repayment in Hong Kong currency, the currency in which the debts had been incurred, for they knew just how much their occupation currency was worth. The debtors, who were equally well informed, if they had to pay, tried to repay in Military yen, but were not at all anxious to part with their Hong Kong dollars.

"These points are very relevant in view of the terms of this Bill. Government is aware that there have been cases of hardship; of individuals who had to sell the houses in which they lived, in order to satisfy the demands of the Japanese liquidators for repayment of bank mortgages.

"The point, however, which must be borne in mind in considering these debt payments is that the money did not go to the creditors to whom it was due, but to the liquidators whom the enemy had placed in charge.

"The question of whether the payments made to the Japanese liquidators constitute, in law, legal discharges of the debts, is one that can only be decided by the courts. Were it to be left to be thrashed out in the courts, two possibilities might ensue. Either the payments might be held to be legal, in which case the creditors would suffer the full loss; or the payments might be

held to be illegal, in which case the debtors would have to pay the full sum over again.

"I cannot say what view the courts might take, but whatever might be the decision, it is certain that the loss would fall completely on one side or completely on the other.

"Government cannot envisage without concern the possibility of the creditors being successful, with the result that the debtors would have to pay in full over again, nor does it feel that a decision in favour of the debtors would be altogether, just to creditors.

"After much anxious consideration, and after consultation with the Hon. Mr. Clarke, the Government feels therefore that to avoid lengthy litigation which must result in inequitable treatment for one side or the other, the only possible course is to provide a compromise. This compromise is expressed in the Bill now before this Council and its terms are as follows:

### Terms Of Compromise

"First: where a debtor repaid his debt during the occupation in Hong Kong currency, he is regarded as having validly discharged his debt, regardless of the fact that his creditor may not have received the money. That is, if the Japanese liquidator revalued the payment, the creditor suffers the full loss.

"Second: where a debtor, at a moment ago as selling his house to repay the mortgage on it, made the repayment in Hong Kong dollars, he has nothing more to worry about.

"Third: where a debt, incurred before the occupation in Hong Kong currency, was repaid to the liquidator during the occupation period in occupation currency, such repayment shall be regarded as a partial discharge of the debt.

"It is particularly over this last provision that controversy has arisen.

"The Creditors say in effect: 'We lent Hong Kong dollars before the enemy came. We have not been repaid a cent either in Hong Kong dollars or in any other currency, and we want repayment in full.'

"The Debtors reply: 'We admit having borrowed Hong Kong dollars before the enemy came, but the enemy came along and liquidated our creditors, as we believe they were entitled to do. We paid them the full amount they demanded. If our creditors have got nothing of that money, we are very sorry, but that is not our fault. They should look to Japan for reimbursement.'

"If ever a case for compromise existed, this is surely one. The debtor who paid the liquidator undoubtedly parted with value, but his creditor did not receive that value.

"A suitable compromise would be to split the difference and to give the debtor credit, against his debt, for half the value with which he parted, and to require him to make up the full balance to his creditor.

"The real difficulty encountered in proceeding to make the compromise effective is to fix what was the value with which the debtor parted? What was a 'Military yen' worth during the occupation? The Japanese valued it at either two Hong Kong dollars or four Hong Kong dollars. Nevertheless, the payments from the United Kingdom to the Japanese were converted by the Japanese into yen at 40 to 1.

### Rickmobile Tests

Preliminary tests of Hong Kong's future motorised rickshaws — rickmobiles — were made in the compound of the Central Police Station yesterday morning.

Mr. C. D. Binns, Superintendent (Traffic) of Police, drove the rickmobile around to test its speed and other mechanical functions.

More tests will have to be carried out before the vehicles are allowed on the streets.

the pound, which made it worth less than a Hong Kong dollar.

"There are various ways of trying to arrive at a value in terms of Hong Kong currency. We could take the black market exchange rate which existed throughout the occupation; we could take the price of gold; we could take the cost of such necessities of life as rice, fuel, oil and vegetables. Investigations have been made along all these lines, and the table in the schedule is the result.

### "Not Perfect"

"It does not reflect the value of the yen during the occupation period, nor yet does it represent the half-value which I suggested as the suitable compromise. I should be foolish if I made any such claim for it, as I should promptly be given specific examples to prove how wrong I was.

"But what I think it does provide is a reasonably fair means of revaluing payments in occupation currency. It does not claim that it is perfect, but perhaps the fact that it is opposed by both creditors and debtors as being against their interests may be taken as indicating that it represents a reasonable compromise.

"If we accept this table the result is like this. A pre-occupation debtor who has made payment in occupation currency to a liquidator during the occupation, will be held not to have discharged his debt. But the amount which he has paid the liquidator will be converted into Hong Kong dollars in accordance with the table in the Schedule. This sum will be deducted from the original amount due at the beginning of the occupation, and he will have to pay the difference.

"I have deliberately restricted myself to the all-important point of how far payments made during the occupation period are to be regarded as valid. The other points in the Bill may all be regarded as subsidiary to this one, and it is on the solution proposed here that the Bill must stand or fall. I cannot but feel that the situation which has arisen as a result of the enemy occupation is one which cries out for compromise. Government has worked out a compromise in terms that it considers fair and equitable, and now presents it to this Council in the form of this Bill.

"It is beside the point to argue whether the Japanese liquidators had any right under international law to act as they did.

"This Bill arises out of the fact that they did so act, and seeks to present a solution of the problems that have been occasioned thereby, a solution which, if accepted by this Council, will at least enable Government to lift the moratorium which has been with us so long.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and carried unanimously.

The last instalment of the first volume of the 'Churchill Memoirs' published yesterday was titled 'The End and Last'. This should have been 'Forty-First and Last.' No instalment has been omitted.

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A crowd of 5,000 spectators jammed the streets, forcing a rerouting of traffic.



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## FILM DISTRIBUTORS' THREAT TO WITHDRAW

Shanghai, June 2.

As a protest against the City Government's restrictions on admission price increases in local theatres, eight American film distributors in Shanghai threatened to withdraw from the local market from the end of this month.

Such a move would not only deprive Shanghai of American movies, but would also cut the City Government's amusement tax by two-thirds.

Distributors have presented two demands: that admission prices shall be based on those of 1937 and multiplied by the City Government's monthly cost of living index for salaries of employees, and that the proportion of lowest-priced seats in each theatre shall be as of May 1 this year.

Distributors made their threat following a City Government announcement of new ceiling prices for theatres and a stipulation that the lowest-price seats in each theatre should not be less than 30 per cent.

This is the second major threat by the distributors to pull out of Shanghai. Last year, distributors threatened to withdraw from Shanghai when the Bureau of Social Affairs wanted to enforce a 'voluntary' contribution of CN\$3,000 million for flood relief.

Later the Bureau again attempted to saddle the distributors with a 'voluntary' contribution to the City Government's winter relief drive.—Reuter.

The letter was signed by Marshal Li Chai-sun and Madame Liao Chung-ku (Kuomintang Revolutionary Committee), Shen Chun-ju and Chang Po-chun (China Democratic League), General Tai Ting-kai (China Democratic Promotion Society), Tan Ping-shan (Han Min Chu I Committee—Federation), General Li Chang-lia (China People's National Salvation Association), Kuo Mo-jo (Non-partisan), Peng Tse-min (China Peasants and Workers Democratic Party), Ma Hsueh-wei and Wang Shao-ai (China Democratic Federation of Intellectuals), and Chen Chi-yue (Chiang Kung Tong Party).

The signatories endorsed Henry Wallace's open letter to Stalin. It described the presence of American armed forces on Chinese soil as 'an unbearable insolence' to the Chinese people and supported the proposal that such troops be withdrawn and all outside aid to Chiang Kai-shek be stopped.

The woman, who arrived from Hong Kong on Jan. 17, spoke no English. Two interpreters and her lawyer called to her in Chinese from the floor above, while two companies of firemen played a large jump rope in the street below.

The Immigration Board of Inquiry ruled that there was insufficient evidence of marital relationship and had ordered the woman deported.

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## STEPS TO RELAX TREASURY CONTROL OVER HONG KONG

His Majesty's Government favours in principle the relaxation of Treasury control over Hong Kong, and measures to achieve this object are now in hand.

This announcement was made by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.) in Legislative Council yesterday, replying to the motion put by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale for the termination of Treasury control over Hong Kong.

Mr. Landale's motion asked that having regard to financial difficulties faced by the United Kingdom Government itself as a result of war losses incurred during the war, Hong Kong should accept the proposal contained in H.M. Government's announcement of April 27, 1948, and to seek the immediate termination of Treasury control over the Colony.

Introducing his motion before Council, Mr. Landale said:

"There is considerable desire locally to assist the Home Government in their present financial difficulties, and it is solely for this reason that we do not wish to press for what might crudely be expressed as our 'pound of flesh'.

"The terms offered are in our opinion the least that we were entitled to expect.

"His Majesty's Government's decision not to ask us to pay any contribution towards the cost of the Military Administration is one which the Colony had every right to expect; more particularly in view of the frequent statements made by responsible Ministers of the Crown during the war that the cost of the war as far as the Colonial Empire was concerned would not lie where it fell.

"As regards His Majesty's Government's decision to 'try' as a free grant advances made before and after the establishment of Civil Government, amounting to three and a quarter million pounds, such advances fall within the same category as the cost of the Military Administration.

Free Grant Disposal

"As to His Majesty's Government's further offer of £1,000,000 as a free grant to assist the Colony in resolving the problems arising out of expenditure connected with the war, it seems clear that the whole of this sum and more will be absorbed by expenditure arising out of the war, and I consider that this sum too falls within the same category as the other two items.

"On the other hand, it is also clear that the Colony's finances, with the help given by His Majesty's Government, will be able to meet the additional items of expenditure which this Government will be called upon to bear.

"By accepting the offer which under the circumstances we regard as representing a very great effort and a real proof of sympathy and goodwill on the part of His Majesty's Government towards the Colony, and not pressing for a fuller settlement, we are in fact making no mean contribution towards alleviating the home country's difficulties.

"It must be borne in mind that in addition to the sums set out in the answers there will be the added burden of rehabilitating Government buildings and installations, and constructing new ones to replace those destroyed—all as a result of the war. This burden will fall directly on this Government and is estimated to

cost something of the order of \$150,000,000.

"The second half of my motion is a natural corollary to the first half. No grown-up member of a family likes being tied too tightly to its mother's apron strings. While I admit that should such a member of a family start sewing an undue amount of wild oats, the parent has to bring its influence to bear in putting matters right. Before the war the Colony had reached the age of discretion and had achieved a certain degree of financial autonomy, but as a result of the war—not I might add of sewing wild oats—our finances deteriorated.

"However, during the two years since the war we have proved that we are capable of being re-instated to that same degree of financial autonomy, that we enjoyed before the war, and it is the sincere hope of all my Unofficial Colleagues that our request will be acceded to."

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## Currency Reform 'Premature'

Nanking, June 2.

Dr. Hollington Tong, Government Information spokesman, today dismissed as premature the reports of an imminent currency reform in China and declared that apart from the Chinese Government programme, the Chinese Government has made no further request for United States assistance to support a currency reform.

Dr. Tong said that though the Government had had a plan for currency reform for a long time, it is still uncertain when this will be put into practice.

He flatly denied the reports alleging that silver dollars are being minted in the United States or Mexico in anticipation of a currency change.

In explanation of the recent Government action in lifting the ban on silver coins, Dr. Tong said that while their possession and sale to the Central Bank are approved, the Government has instructed local financial authorities to take stern measures against private trading in silver.

In reply to a question whether China has applied for additional aid from the United States in making a currency reform, Dr. Tong said: "Since the enactment of the China Aid Programme, the Chinese Government has not made any further request for financial assistance." — Reuter-AAP.

## Housing Scheme To Proceed

Sufficient support has been received by the proposed Home-building and Investment Society for embarking on its Jardine's Lookout project, the "China Mail" learns.

The number of prospective house-owners who have registered with the Provisional Committee of the Society was not available yesterday. It is, however, known that the original plan is to construct 190 double-storey homes in the area.

The Society's application for land, subject to Government's 20-year non-transferable lease, was approved some time ago when Government granted it an area at Kowloon Tsai and another at Jardine's Lookout.

It is understood that the number of applications registered for homes at Kowloon Tsai are at present not sufficient to embark immediately on the house-building scheme for the mainland.



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## "DEVILISH SMUGGLERS" CLAIM GOLD HIDDEN IN BODIES WAS THEIR OWN

"Members of a devilish gang of smugglers," comprising two men, three married women, nine widows and six spinsters, whose alleged ingenious ruse to smuggle some \$195,160 worth of gold bars into the colony was frustrated by Revenue officers on Tuesday evening, appeared in the dock before Mr. Hin-Sing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday.

The defendants, who were not represented legally, were passengers aboard the "Merry Moller." Two more females brought up in the Juvenile Court were cautioned and a confession order made.

Revenue Inspector Redman, prosecuting, told the Court that acting on information 24 persons were detained. Asked whether they had any gold on them, they

replied in the negative. A search revealed that two females and a man had 17 gold bars, each weighing five taels and tied in bundles of three and five, concealed in their bodies.

Of the 24 suspects, 22 were arrested when X-ray examination at the Queen Mary Hospital revealed that they had gold bars inserted in their persons.

Apparently "doctored" From the 22 persons altogether 102 gold bars, each measuring 1 1/2 by 3 inches and weighing five taels, were extracted. The total value at the current open rate was \$195,160. The bars were tied in bundles of three, four, five and six by cotton wool and rubber bands. They were apparently "doctored" at the other end.

Asking for a "very, very serious" view to be taken, RI Redman declared that if it had not been for information the defendants would have had 100 percent chance of cheating the Law as it was almost impossible to detect the hidden gold. The prosecution requested imprisonment without the option and asserted that "every endeavour will be made to locate the person or persons responsible."

The concealment was obviously done by doctors in Macao and defendants were members of an organized gang, RI Redman pointed out.

Responsibility rested that grave who make such arrests on people as the suspects had to be subjected to medical examination and if no material result was procured, serious complications might arise which would be difficult to answer. He again asked that a serious view be taken.

Mr. Lo remarked that it was more than a coincidence that all the 20 defendants had gold bars inserted in their bodies. They must be obviously members of a "devilish gang of smugglers."

"Precaution"

The Magistrate asked the defendants what they had to say in mitigation, and was informed by Ma Choi, a female who elected to speak on behalf of the others, that they were all country people who had their property in the colony. They owned the gold themselves and did not know the regulations here.

"Why did you conceal the gold in such an undignified way if you didn't know local laws?" Mr. Lo inquired.

Ma said there were many robbers in the country and they hid the gold as a precaution. She added that they were all bankrupt and pleaded for leniency.

"This is the first case of its kind," Mr. Lo commented. "We'll have to make it the last one," RI Redman said. Defendants were all remanded 24 hours in gaol custody, pending judgment.

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## Fire Engine Can Pass Red Light

An interesting revelation regarding the speed of a fire engine going to a fire was made by Acting Divisional Officer V. C. Seymour in the course of his evidence at the trial of Fire Engine Driver Cheung Kam-chuen (28) on the charge of driving at a dangerous speed, heard by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Cheung was charged by Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown with having driven Fire Engine No. 4 at a dangerous speed at Ningpo Street on May 2.

The question of compensation to the Fire Brigade for the damage to the engine, estimated at \$1,000, raised by DO Seymour, was left to be dealt with departmentally.

In his evidence, DO Seymour said that drivers, during training, are cautioned as to driving, principally in busy thoroughfares, and taught to drive according to the conditions at the time. They could only "open out" on a clear road.

A fire engine is permitted to go through a "red light" but the driver would be responsible for an accident.

## Lodger Slays Children

Peiping, June 2.  
A landlady's two children were slain with a kitchen knife in Peiping yesterday by a woman lodger infuriated at a notice to leave.

The victims were both boys, one aged six and the other, three. The lodger was Mrs. Chia Yung-yu, 24, wife of a Nationalist Army Signal Corps employee stationed near Tientsin.

The mother of the boys was Mrs. Yen Yi-min, 35, whose husband is in prison serving a five-year sentence on a charge of collaboration.

After killing the two children, Mrs. Chia tried to set fire to the house and take her own life, but both attempts were foiled.

As she was arrested, the woman, sardonically shouted, "Long Live Traitors."

The mother of the murdered boys blamed the owner of the house for the tragedy, alleging that he objected to her keeping a lodger. She said she would allow the bodies to rot in the house unless he or the husband of the accused paid all funeral expenses.—Associated Press.

Fatal injuries were sustained by a P.W.D. workman, Lam Wai, aged 26 years, when he fell from a moving lorry at the junction of Nathan Road and Butte Street at about 5 p.m. yesterday. Lam was rushed to hospital immediately after the incident, but died 23 minutes after his admission.

Replying for the Government the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall, C.M.G.) said Government supported the motion.

Dealing with the issue of Treasury control, he added that it might be of interest to members to know that a few hours before Council met, a communication had been received from the Secretary of State indicating that he favoured in principle the relaxation of Treasury control, and that measures to achieve that end are now in hand.

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## 21-YEARS' HARD LABOUR FOR CONSPIRATORS

The case against three Chinese charged with the uttering of letters demanding arms and money with menaces, concluded at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the accused were sentenced by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice) to varying terms of imprisonment.

### STEPS TO RELAX TREASURY CONTROL OVER H.K.

(Continued from Page 1)

The motion was seconded by the Hon. Mr. T. N. Chau, C.B.E., who said: "By accepting H.M.G.'s terms and not pressing for a full settlement, this Colony of realising its duty to assist the Home Government in their present financial difficulties, and we sincerely hope that H.M.G. will appreciate our gesture and accede to our requests contained in the motion now before Council."

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, C.B.E., speaking in support of the motion, said:

"On the issue as to whether War expenditure as set out in items (a) to (i) in Government's reply to Mr. d'Almada's questions on May 26, 1947, is properly the liability of Hong Kong Government, my views have not changed. The Chinese attitude towards such an item as (b) (Repatriation passages for non-officials) remains the same."

General Question

But today we are not concerned only with the financial incidence of any particular War expenditure, but rather with the much more general question of a broad settlement of War expenditure as between H.K. and H.M.G. And the question before this Council is whether the proposals contained in H.M.G.'s official announcement afford a reasonable basis for such an overall settlement. On such a question, although dollars and cents must have their say in this mundane world, sentiments cannot altogether be excluded from our consideration.

"Had the circumstances been different in U.K., the Colony could reasonably expect, and would undoubtedly have received, more favourable financial proposals."

"But we cannot forget that three years after the conclusion of a world-war in which U.K. took such a vital part in making possible, and in bringing about, final victory, her people are still on a war austerity basis of living and have to fight for her economic survival."

No Serious Difficulty

"Had the circumstances in the Colony been different—we might not be in a position to accept the proposals however much we wish to do so. Happily an acceptance of H.M.G.'s proposals presents no serious financial difficulties to the Colony. Excluding item (i) (Claims in respect of requisitioned material) such acceptance merely means that our surplus for 1947-1948 of \$30,000,000 will be reduced to approximately \$10,000,000 and even if item (i) should result in an actual liability of the Colony to the full amount—a contingency which, in the light of what actually occurred, is frankly unthinkable to me—we would only have to meet a deficit of another \$15,000,000."

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# HARD LABOUR, CANE FOR ROBBER-KIDNAPPERS

Found guilty by a jury on charges of robbery by two or more and the forcible taking away of Chan Chong-yuen for ransom, Tsui Shuen-hung was yesterday sentenced by Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), to nine years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

Cheung Fuk, who had previously pleaded guilty to similar charges, but on whose behalf a strong plea in mitigation was put forward by Mr. A. J. Clifford, was sentenced to six years' hard labour and 12 strokes of the cane.

The prosecution was conducted by Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. W. J. Wall. Mr. Clifford appeared for Cheung Fuk, instructed by Mr. Peter Sin of Messrs. P. H. Sin and Co. Tsui Shuen-hung was not legally represented.

The accused were alleged to have robbed Chan Chong-yuen of \$4,000, a wrist watch and a gold finger ring prior to kidnapping him.

## Easily Misled

Evidence as to the good character of Cheung Fuk was given by Cheung Tsun-tai, head of a village in the Taiipo area. Witnesses said

that Cheung Fuk was a hard worker, but was not strong mentally. As a result, he was easily misled or fooled.

In the course of his plea for mitigation on behalf of Cheung Fuk, Mr. Clifford said that the latter had been used as a "stooge". Of the \$4,000 taken from complainant, Cheung only received \$500. The fact that Cheung was left to stand guard over complainant while the others went away, should walk away in search for food was strong evidence that Cheung did not have a criminal character, but was really stupid.

Mr. Reynolds said that the Crown regarded cases of this nature as being very serious. Cheung was not altogether an innocent party and with regard to the holding of complainant for ransom, he took a very active part. There was no doubt that Cheung was involved in a certain extent, in that he did a bit of work and was deceived by the others. However, Cheung did not complain for more than two days and although he went away when the food supply ran out, he had sufficient intelligence to warn complainant against running away and to add that there was an armed guard outside. If Cheung was not armed, he was certainly able to keep complainant subdued for two or three days. It was true that only \$500 was found in his possession, but he obviously expected to get something out of the ransom money.

Leniency Plea  
Mr. Reynolds drew attention to the fact that there had been five cases of this nature in the New Territories recently. It was very difficult to suppress this form of crime as the culprits usually crossed over into Chinese territory.

Tsui Shuen-hung appealed to Mr. Justice Gould for leniency so that on his discharge, he could return to China "to do good."

In his sentence on Cheung Fuk, Mr. Justice Gould said he was taking into consideration the latter's youth and Mr. Clifford's plea. The offence was punishable with 15 years' imprisonment. He was also taking into consideration that Cheung had been used as a "stooge". Nevertheless, Cheung must be punished that he should not be led astray in similar circumstances again.

Before passing sentence on Tsui Shuen-hung, Mr. Justice Gould said that the latter was much older. Although he had not taken a leading part, he should have known that such a crime was a crime in Hong Kong just as much as in Chinese territory.

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## Four New Ordinances Now Law

Four new Ordinances were added to the Colony's Statute Books at yesterday's Legislative Council.

The Bill to control the sale and use of Penicillin and Streptomycin was passed with an amendment to extend control over Penicillin in all forms.

Dr. Thomas explained that Penicillin is now used not only in the form of injections but also in the form of lozenges.

Legislative approval for the preparation and publication of a revised edition of the law of Hong Kong was given by Council without comment.

The Bill proposed by the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo for the incorporation of the Hong Kong Chinese Christian Churches Union, and the Bill put up by the Hon. Mr. Les d'Almeida K.C. for the version of the capital of the Canton Trust Co. Ltd. from Chinese to Hong Kong currency, were likewise passed without comment.

## DEFENDANT NOT CALLED

Without calling upon the defendant, Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday discharged Yau Siu-ting (20), fisherman, on the charge of having carnal knowledge of Li Kiu, 34-year-old married woman, at Cheung Shu Tan village on May 5.

After complainant had given evidence, in support of Det. Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall's opening, the Magistrate held that there was no case to go before a Jury on either the substantive charge or on the alternative one of indecent assault.

The evidence adduced, held the Magistrate, tended to show that, after having been pushed on to the grass, complainant was a willing party to the intimacy, and that a report of the alleged offence was only made 24 hours later when defendant allegedly went to her house and assaulted her.

Sequel To Accident

Tsang Fuk was driving his private car along Tokwanan Road, Tsing Han, about 7:20 p.m. on June 1 when Chu Yau-yu, 37-year-old salesman of 243 Tokwanan Road, suddenly drove lorry 5832, parked outside the house, across the road and ran into the left central part of Tsang's car, causing damage (estimated at \$500) to the left side doors.

The left side light and front bumper of the lorry were slightly damaged.

The sequel to the accident was the appearance of Chu before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday charged with driving the lorry without a licence, without the owner's permission, and without due care and attention. He was fined a total of \$300.

Had No Licence

F. Fanlanshot of the Kowloon Dairy Farm, and his friend L. Brouwer, were both cautioned by Mr. W. H. Latimer when they admitted the respective summons of permitting an unlicensed driver to drive motor-cycle 581, and with driving the motor-cycle without a licence, on the Government ground south of Suffolk Road.

Traffic Sub-Inspector Donald Brown said that the offence was not committed on the highway, and that it appeared as if the first defendant was teaching his friend to drive.

CAR OWNERS CAUTIONED

Arthur Hill of the General Post Office was cautioned by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of leaving his car unattended in d'Aguilar Street near Queen's Road Central.

Safra Mumi appeared on a similar summons and was also cautioned.

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## ACTION OVER SHELF

The alleged wrongful removal of a shelf measuring about 11 feet by 9 feet from the right portion of the ground floor wall of 210, Queen's Road Central, formed the subject of an action for damages heard before Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff, Ng Kiyuk, was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, Mr. P. C. Woo appeared for the defendants, Chan Kwong-kee, both plaintiff and defendants reside at 210 Queen's Road Central.

Mr. Russ said that the plaintiff's claim against the defendants was for the sum of \$1,200, being damages sustained by the plaintiff by reason of the defendant's wrongful removal of the shelf. The fixture was valued at \$1,200, but the plaintiff was valuing the sum of \$200 in order to bring the case within the Summary Jurisdiction.

Mr. Woo said that the defendants based their defence on the following grounds: (a) they denied that the plaintiff was the owner of the property; (b) they had obtained the consent of the owner to effect certain reconstruction to premises and to remove the shelf; (c) the owner had never made any demand for the property; there was, therefore, no question of conversion; furthermore, defendants were always ready and willing to return the property to the rightful owner and (d) the action was premature, as defendants were only responsible for the return of the shelf on the termination of their tenancy.

After evidence by the plaintiff and defendants, hearing was adjourned until June 9.

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## CLAIMS AGAINST WAR SUPPLIES BOARD

Only goods actually shipped or delivered to a go-down against orders placed by the War Supplies Board in its capacity as agent for the purchaser, are enforceable. The total of such claims is \$1,495,100.73. Of this amount only \$170,074.07 has not yet been recovered from purchasers.

This announcement was made by the Acting Financial Secretary (Mr. A. G. Clarke) in Legislative Council yesterday in reply to a supplementary question put by the Hon. Mr. D. F. Landale at a meeting of Council on May 26.

Mr. Clarke said: "Hong Kong's industries presented the possibility of securing a variety of different types of goods needed for the forces, and to facilitate His Majesty's Government in making the fullest use of these sources, the Hong Kong Government in 1940 was asked to set up the War Supplies Board to act as agent for the Eastern Group Supply Council and for other Government organizations which might require supplies from local sources. The War Supplies Board operated with funds advanced by this Government."

Three Categories  
"The claims made against the Board fall into three main categories:

A. Goods actually shipped or delivered to a go-down against orders placed by the War Supplies Board in its capacity as agent for the purchaser;  
B. Goods ordered which were in course of manufacture but were not delivered at the outbreak of hostilities;  
C. Advances made by War Supplies Board contractors

to manufacturers to finance the manufacture of War Supplies ordered on behalf of the various purchasers.

"Only category 'A' claims are legally enforceable, as under the terms of the standard War Supplies Board contract there could be no liability until shipment had been effected or delivery had been made to a go-down."

"Government's view is that the legal liability in this category lies with the purchaser, but in that Government had incurred a moral responsibility by the fact of its having been responsible for setting up the War Supplies Board, it agreed to forward category 'A' claims to the purchasers and to press for payment on behalf of the claimants. In actual fact out of the total of \$1,495,100.73 for such claims, only \$170,074.07 has not yet been recovered from purchasers. Government is not prepared to meet any claim out of public funds in view especially of the fact that it is also in the position of a claimant in respect of the disbursement of its monies advanced to the Board."

No Liability  
"With claims under categories 'B' and 'C' no legal liability exists but there may be a valid claim against reparations. The whole situation has been placed before the Secretary of State for the Colonies."

"Apart from these contractors' claims there is a number of claims against the War Supplies Board in respect of transport material which was urgently required for the Middle East Campaign in 1941, and which the War Supplies Board secured locally and shipped on behalf of the Middle East Command. Certain of these claims have been settled by the War Office, and others are still under consideration. This Government is one of the unsatisfied claimants."

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PAINTER REMANDED

A 28-year-old painter appeared in the dock at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of leaving Lo charged with having carnal knowledge of 12-year-old and seven-year-old girls on May 1 at No. 70, First Street, first floor.

Yung Hong-chung was remanded three days at the request of the prosecution.

Money Market

A strong undertone kept gold on the upgrade yesterday and it closed at \$329.50. Highest rate of the day was \$331.00 which was reached in the afternoon. Lowest rate was 50 cents below the opening.

Deliveries for the day totalled 8,780, of which 1,730 were official and 7,050 unofficial.

Plaster opened at \$11.40 a 100, and after dropping to \$11.47 the rate appreciated to \$11.76, it receded to \$11.60 at the close.

Chinese National Currency opened at 4,975 cents for futures and 6 cents for spot (for CN\$10,000), and closed at 4,725 cents and 4,95 cents respectively.

Ticals were unchanged at \$25.80 a 100. NEI Guilders fell from \$43.90 a 100 in the morning to \$43.30 in the afternoon.

\$5.50 dollars remained firm at \$5.50.

sterling receded further to \$13.70. Australian pounds were unchanged at \$12.55.

An Ordinance to extend the period during which legal proceedings may be instituted and right of appeal be exercised, was introduced in Legislative Council for first reading yesterday.

Occupation Marriages (Validity) Ordinance 1948 passed its first reading in Legislative Council yesterday.

Introducing the Bill, the Acting Attorney General (Mr. G. E. Strickland) said the measure would remove doubts as to the validity of marriages (other than non-Christian marriages) consummated during the occupation, and provided machinery for such marriages to be recorded and proved.

In view of the importance of the measure, said Mr. Strickland, the Bill was discussed with the Secretary of State who agreed to its present form subject to very minor amendments.

The motion was seconded by the Colonial Secretary (Mr. D. M. MacDougall) and carried unanimously.

Drove Too Fast

L.F. Osmund, of 7 Peace Avenue, Homunlin, was fined \$25 by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday on two summonses for driving at an excessive speed at Nathan Road.

Traffic Sub-Inspector D. Brown said that defendant was seen by Div-Inspector J. Scrim driving motor-cycle 325 at 30 m.p.h. in the controlled area, and 40 m.p.h. when he entered the built-up area.

The two offences were a continuing one.

Defendant pleaded that the light on his speedometer was not working and that he could not see the speed registered. He was advised by the Magistrate to have the speedometer repaired.

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**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

It is hereby notified that the following Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction will be held at the Offices of the Public Works Department on Monday, the 7th day of June, 1948 at 3 p.m.

Sale Conditions may be obtained and sale plan inspected at the Office of the Superintendent of Crown Lands and Surveys, Lower, Albert Road, Hong Kong.

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No. of Sub	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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Immediately after the fall of the hammer the purchaser shall according to the Conditions of Sale pay to the Auctioneer a sum of \$4,000.00 in cash or by cheque which shall be certified by the Bank on which it is drawn. The Bank must be a member of the Exchange Banks Association.

V. KENNIF, Director of Public Works.

Date: 26th May, 1948.

**NOTICE TO SHIPPERS**

**FAR EASTERN FREIGHT CONFERENCE**

**FREIGHT TARIFF NO. 3**

**FROM**

**HONG KONG AREA**

Shippers are advised that a new Loose-leaf Tariff has been issued which will cancel all previous issues, except that Section IV of the existing Tariff will remain in operation until further notice, but only so far as additional rates to ports with transshipment are concerned. Additional rates direct to ports of destination will be found in Section IV of the new Tariff.

The new Tariff will become effective on the 21st June, 1948.

Copies of the new Tariff may be obtained from the Local Chairman, Far Eastern Freight Conference, P. & O. Building, Hong Kong at a charge of HK\$20.00 per copy, on and after Monday, 7th June, 1948.

Additional Rates with Transshipment to Ports of Destination. A separate Tariff of Transshipment Additions is in course of preparation and until this becomes effective additional rates with transshipment to ports of destination will be ascertained by reference to Section IV of the old Tariff in respect of which Addenda will continue to be issued.

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**PUBLIC AUCTION**

The Undersigned has received instructions from the Custodian of Property to sell by Public Auction

on THURSDAY, the 3RD JUNE, 1948, commencing at 10.30 a.m.,

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The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British Military Administration) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 8th March, 1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA, Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 1st June, 1948.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS PARTLY PAID NEW ISSUE SHARES.**

The owners of partly paid shares are reminded that, under the terms of issue, the final instalment of \$50.00 per share must be paid on or before 30th June, 1948.

Any person owning such shares who is not in possession of the requisite form which has to be presented when payment is made, should make immediate application for same to the Company.

Payment should be made to The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

G. B. S. THOMSON, Secretary and Chief Accountant.

Hongkong, 1st June, 1948.

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Fees for this independent private school will necessarily be higher than in some schools; but most text-books will be provided in order to give better quality and greater variety, and extra coaching will be unnecessary. The hours are from 8.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday to Friday.

**ROTARY CLUB KOWLOON**

A lecture will be given on FRIDAY, 4th June entitled

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**EIGHT-POINT SCHEME FOR ITALIAN REDISTRIBUTION OF LAND**

Rome, June 1. Signor Alcide de Gasperi, Italian Prime Minister, announced an eight-point programme for his new Government when Parliament opened here today.

The points were:

1.—The use of Marshall aid through a plan that would not affect private enterprise.  
2.—The adjustment of the internal financial situation and the defence of the lira through increased saving and continued encouragement for the investment of foreign capital in Italy.  
3.—The financial policy of Signor Luigi Einaudi, the new President and former Budget Minister, would continue.  
4.—Agrarian reforms based on reducing to the minimum the number of farm labourers, turning them into small farmers through a redistribution of land from big estates.  
5.—The emigration policy now being worked out in talks with other countries, especially Britain, on large-scale development work in Central Africa.

6.—The Government to continue its present foreign policy, collaborating in full within the European organisation, favouring European economic co-operation as in the Italian-French customs union.

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He also hoped for an understanding on the part of the "Big Four" regarding Italy's former colonies.

Foreign trade agreements would be extended and a commission was being prepared to go to Russia, he added.

**Hint On Colonies**

5.—An expansion of the education programme including the setting up of 10,000 new State schools for the light against illiteracy.

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**MARINE DEPT. NOTIFICATION**

Masters of all vessels are notified that two new cables will be laid in the existing cable reserve between the City of Victoria and the South end of the Kowloon Peninsula.

Both cables will be laid on Friday 4th June.

Vessels are requested to keep well clear and to proceed at slow speed when in the vicinity.

The vessel engaged in laying these cables will display the customary signals for vessels carrying out such work.

J. JOLLY, Director of Marine.

Hong Kong, 2nd June, 1948.

**NOTICE**

The Pekin Syndicate Ltd., 1B, Chater Road, Hongkong, announces that Mr. C. E. Stone has ceased all connection with the Syndicate with effect from 1st June, 1948.

J. BRADBURY, Joint District Manager.

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Submarine Telephone Cables are being laid in the Cable Reserve between Queen's Pier and Railway Pier on June 4th. Masters are requested to keep clear of cable laying craft.

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**SHANGHAI DP's May Go To USA**

Washington, June 1. A Bill for providing for the admission to the United States as non-quota immigrants of 5,000 persons displaced by the war from their homes in Europe and now living in Shanghai was introduced in the House of Representatives today by Congressman Emanuel Celler (Democrat, New York).

Mr. Celler said the refugees have been stranded in Shanghai since 1941 and most of them are victims of persecution in Germany, Poland and other areas of Central and Eastern Europe.

The refugee colony in Shanghai originally numbered 11,000, but 6,000 have been absorbed by Australia, South America, the United States and some European countries, to which they returned as repatriates.

To be eligible for admission under the Bill, the displaced persons must have entered Shanghai after Jan. 1, 1938, and must be living there at present. They would be required to use the privilege of entry to the United States by June 30, 1950.

The Bill would apply to these persons irrespective of nationality. —Reuter.

**STUDENTS ARRESTED**

Shanghai, June 2.—Five students of the Shanghai Law College who were arrested by police on Monday for involvement in the anti-Government exhibition held on the college campus will be handed over to the special criminal tribunal for trial, according to the China Press.

City Government authorities announced yesterday that they have invited the city's university presidents and City Councillors to view the seized cartoons and posters of the exhibition, which will be on display at the City Government Auditorium today. —Reuter.

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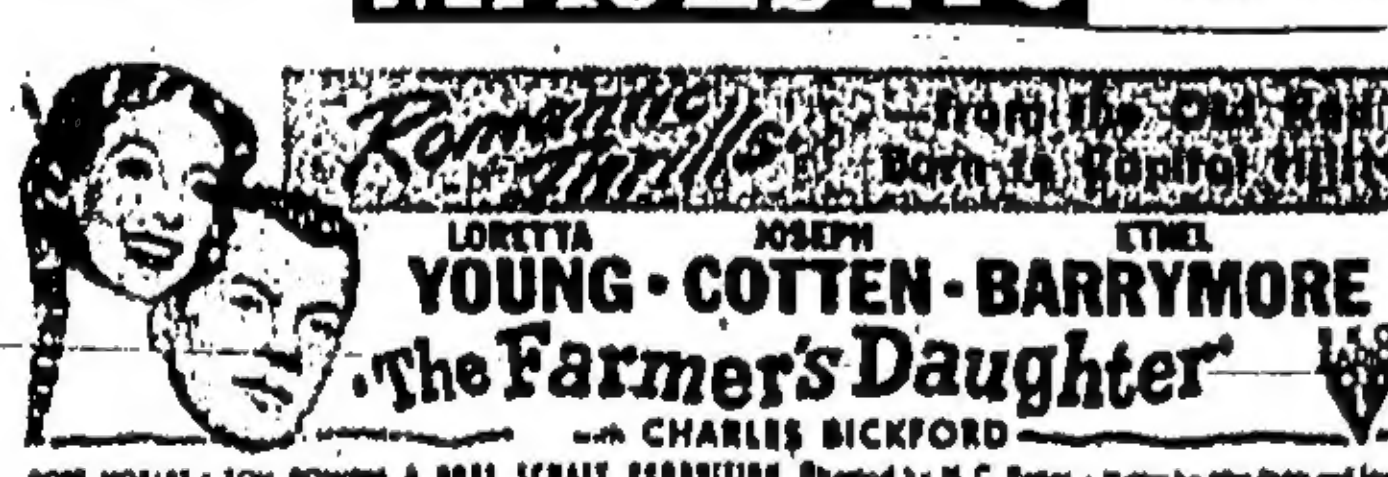
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# CLASH ON RUBBER ESTATE

## Chinese Killed In Police Baton Charge

### COMMISSIONER'S WARNING

Singapore, June 1.  
 Seven Chinese were killed and 10 injured today when police made a baton charge on 200 dismissed Chinese employees who had refused to leave a rubber estate near Segamat, 125 miles north of Singapore.

The Chinese had been given a month's notice by the European management, who recently took over the estate and had found difficulty in controlling the workers.

Most of the dismissed workers had refused to leave, saying they would run the estate themselves. The clash began when the police, who were sent to investigate the situation, were surrounded by Chinese armed with sticks, stones, bottles and spears. There were no police casualties, and no shots were fired.

## Jewish Gesture To Arabs

Amman, June 1.  
 Paul J. Ruegger, President of the International Red Cross committee, announced today that the Jewish authorities are evacuating 80 Arab wounded soldiers and more than 400 Arab civilians to Arab lines in Jerusalem.

He said the action was in return for "the very generous way the Arab authorities carried out the evacuation of Jewish non-combatants from the surrendered Jewish quarter of the old city last Friday and Saturday." The number exceeded 1,500.

Eighty wounded were due to be handed over to the Arabs during the afternoon from the French hospital in Jerusalem.

Arab civilians, including women, children, and the aged, were being collected at a concentration point first before the evacuation.

"That is difficult because of snipers," he explained.—Associated Press.

## JAVA OBJECTION TO ISRAEL

The Hague, June 1.  
 The Netherlands Government is withholding a decision on the recognition of Israel owing to "serious objections" against any action in the matter raised by the Ministry of Overseas Territories, the Dutch Foreign Minister, Baron Van Buzelaar, said in the First Chamber today.

He was speaking after the tabling of a motion urging the Government to recognize Israel submitted by a Communist member. It was learned that the Indonesian Government of Indonesia and the Surinam Administration had raised objections to the recognition of Israel.—Reuter.

## BENGAL SCARE

Calcutta, June 1.  
 Evidence has been received that Bengal's outlawed Communists are planning a campaign in preparation for a projected armed rising and seizure of power, said the Bengal Home Minister, Kisan Sen, today.

Police today were ordered to stand by as the government anticipated clashes with Communists. These, however, did not occur.—Associated Press.

## RADIO

Z.B.W. Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and from 6.00 to 11.15 p.m., and also on 9.82 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.50, 7.30 to 8.50 and 9.15 to 11.15 p.m.  
 H.K.T.  
 12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.  
 12.52 p.m.—March of the Movies (ORBS).  
 1.02 p.m.—Ivor Morison and Dave Kaye on Two Planes.  
 1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.  
 1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.  
 1.30 p.m.—A Spanish Programme.  
 2.00 p.m.—Close Down.  
 6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.  
 6.01 p.m.—Children's Story: "Peter Duck" by Arthur Ransome. Episode 76: "The Only Hope". Read by Captain Pilot (Radio).  
 6.58 p.m.—A Short, Sharp Programme of New Records.  
 6.58 p.m.—The Winters and His Tumbling Tumbleweeds (Studio).  
 7.00 p.m.—"Tiger" with Tommy Hanley (BDCTS).  
 7.30 p.m.—La Demi-lune Francaise (Studio).  
 8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
 8.15 p.m.—"British Concert Hall" BBC Symphony Orchestra (BDCTS).  
 8.15 p.m.—Book Reviews: Allen Dekker (Radio).  
 8.30 p.m.—Composer Overland: Robert Stolz (ORBS).  
 8.50 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).  
 10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.  
 10.30 p.m.—A Programme of Romance.  
 10.50 p.m.—Music for Dancing.  
 11.00 p.m.—"Tiger" (Radio).  
 11.15 p.m.—Interlude (London Relay).  
 11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

Malaya's Police Commissioner, Mr. H. B. Lansworthy, reviewing the labour unrest in the Federation yesterday, said that in future "force would be met with force." He attacked "subversive political bodies" who, he said, were exhorting trade union workers to resort to violence to gain their ends.

## Troops Stand By

Other incidents today included: Dismissed employees set fire to a rubber factory at Senal, 15 miles north of Johore Bahru, and started four other fires on the estate.

In Singapore, a Chinese gunman shot and critically wounded a Chinese sawmill supervisor. There has been much industrial unrest at the mill lately.

Two Sikh policemen were killed, and nine others injured when a tyre burst and a lorry overturned while taking reinforcements to the scene of another labour dispute at Slim River, about 60 miles north of Kuala Lumpur.

Three hundred British troops and police were standing by awaiting the eviction of 70 dismissed strikers who had refused to leave the Kimpu Bali and Lima Mas rubber estates.—Reuter.

## NO DOLLAR LOAN, SAYS BRITAIN

Washington, June 1.  
 British officials have informed the Economic Co-operation Administration here that their country can accept no dollars in the form of loans unless they are intended for self-repaying projects and not for "consumption" goods.

The result of this decision, it is understood, will be that the \$100,000,000 tentatively allocated to Britain by the Administration for the April 1-June 30 quarter of this year will almost certainly not be used immediately, and may actually remain idle for some time, while British officials and ECA experts work out the details of the projects actually satisfactory to both sides.

British officials have been considerably concerned over the past few weeks about the visibility of accepting more dollar loan burdens. They were disturbed over the fact that, of British first quarter Marshall Plan allocation of \$400 million, five per cent was specifically labelled as being amendable on a loan basis only.

These loans, it was understood, will carry a heavier interest rate than the original post-war American loan to Britain—around three per cent—and will therefore add to the considerable annual dollar repayment obligation that Britain must assume, starting in 1952.

The decision taken, therefore, is that no current consumption goods—wheat, cotton, tobacco, food, petroleum and the like—will be paid for in loan dollars.—Reuter.

NOT SMART BUT DUMB  
 SOME unorthodox moves, such as bids with much less general strength than they ordinarily indicate, are fraught with great danger to your side. Protection of your interests against disaster may depend later upon real keenness in your partner to realize what you had been doing. If you have a more or less cut and dried type of player opposite you, it is very risky to try anything not based on the usually indicated strength. With an unimaginative mate, such "smart" maneuvers are not smart, but dumb.

S. A K  
 H. A Q 10 7  
 D. 6 2  
 C. K J 5 3 2  
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 H. 4 3 2  
 D. A K Q  
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 S. 9 5 2  
 H. 9 8 5  
 D. 10 7 4 3  
 C. 9 4

(Dealer: North. Both sides vulnerable).  
 North East South West  
 1 C Pass 1 D Pass  
 1 H Pass Pass Dbl  
 2 C Dbl 2 H Pass  
 Pass 2 H Pass Pass  
 Dbl  
 That bidding occurred at one table of a pair duplicate, and brought a tirade from North at South for leaving in the double with such a weak hand and such a good heart fit. South had to listen a while before he could edge in a plan for himself.  
 "When I made my first bid of 1-Diamond it was only because I hoped it might be followed by a bid of some other suit from you," said he. "When you called hearts, I was tickled to death, so

## Holiday's Heavy Toll

New York, June 1.  
 American's three-day Memorial holiday—the first bank holiday of the summer season—which ended last night, was estimated today to have claimed the lives of nearly 400 people through accidents.

One man cheated death in spectacular fashion, however. Giving a performance in an air show in Michigan, a 27-year-old stunt pilot fell 5,000 feet in a parachute which "did not open—and yet suffered only a slight cut over an eye.

Telephone wires caught his unopened parachute and left him dangling in the air until help came.—Reuter.

## Indians To Demonstrate

London, June 1.  
 Indians and Africans in London, at a meeting last night, unanimously agreed to hold demonstrations against Dr. Malin's segregation policy in the Union of South Africa.

Mr. E. A. Khan, President of the Indian Workers' Association, who had arranged the meeting, said that Dr. Malin's victory was a victory for Fascism in South Africa.

"The British Government prides itself on Commonwealth democracy," he added, "but Dr. Malin is opposed to all decent democratic institutions. He believes in racial thuggery.

"A new Hitler is now in power in South Africa."  
 The Pan-African Federation and other African organizations will be invited to join the Indian Workers' in protests here against the Malin regime.—Reuter.

## P.I. MOVE TO SAVE DOLLARS

Manila, June 2.  
 President Quirino signed into law a stiff series of luxury taxes designed to conserve Philippine dollar exchange.

The new levies increase sales taxes on articles classified as non-essentials to 30 per cent. Semi-luxuries are taxed 15 per cent. Ordinary goods are taxed at present five per cent.

Particularly affected will be automobiles costing over US\$500, jewelry, optical goods and silverware, with the exception of eyeglasses, perfumes and toilet articles except dentifrices and talcum powder. The rate on these now is 30 per cent.

President Quirino also signed a bill legislating the redemption of pre-war Philippine National Bank notes with the exception of those issued by the Japanese and an estimated US\$20,000,000 worth of 50 peso notes lost by the guerrilla government in Mindanao during the early part of the war.—Associated Press.

## Doesn't Know His Own Age

Seoul, June 1.  
 Dr. Syngman Rhee, whose chairmanship of the Korean Assembly will almost certainly soon become the Presidency of the first Korean Republic, is perhaps the world's oldest leader in the world's youngest nation.

Nobody, not even Dr. Rhee himself, knows how old he is. Published estimates have ranged from 72 to 82 years. When you ask him, he shakes his head and replies with a smile: "Not too old."

Since he returned to Korea from exile in 1945, at least four attempts have been made on his life. Today, around his fortress home, pressed in against one of the teeth of the saw ridge of mountains that surround this capital, 20 highly armed police stand guard against a fifth attempt.—Reuter.

## NEW POLITICAL PARTY

Kiel, June 1.  
 The Military Government of Schleswig-Holstein in the British Zone of Germany has informed the South Schleswig Union, representing the Danish minority, that it may be recognised as a political party.

The Union, which favours the fusion of South Schleswig with Denmark, is to be divided into two organisations. One will deal with cultural and similar matters and the other with political affairs.—Reuter.

## MANILA HOTEL MANAGER

Manila, June 2.  
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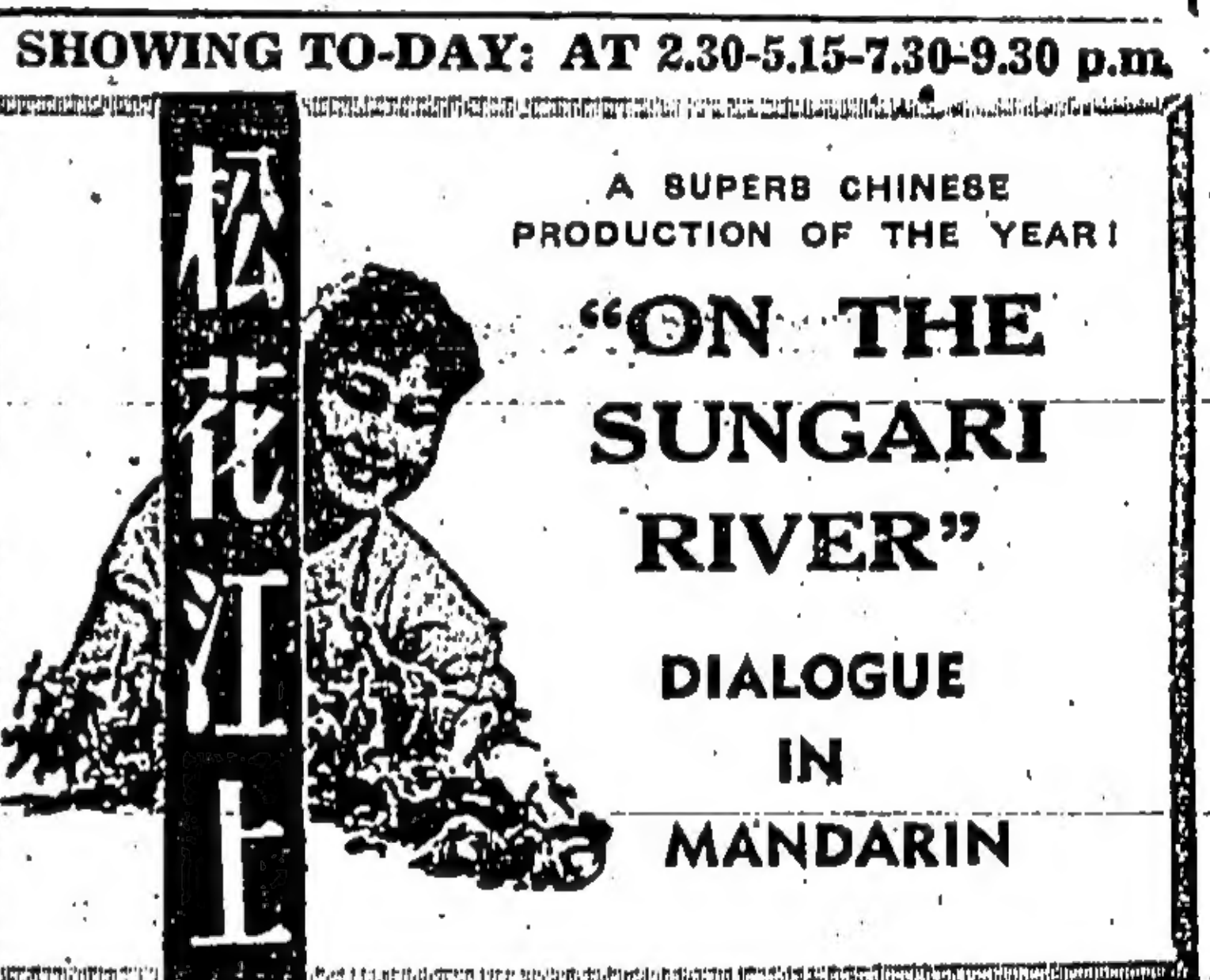
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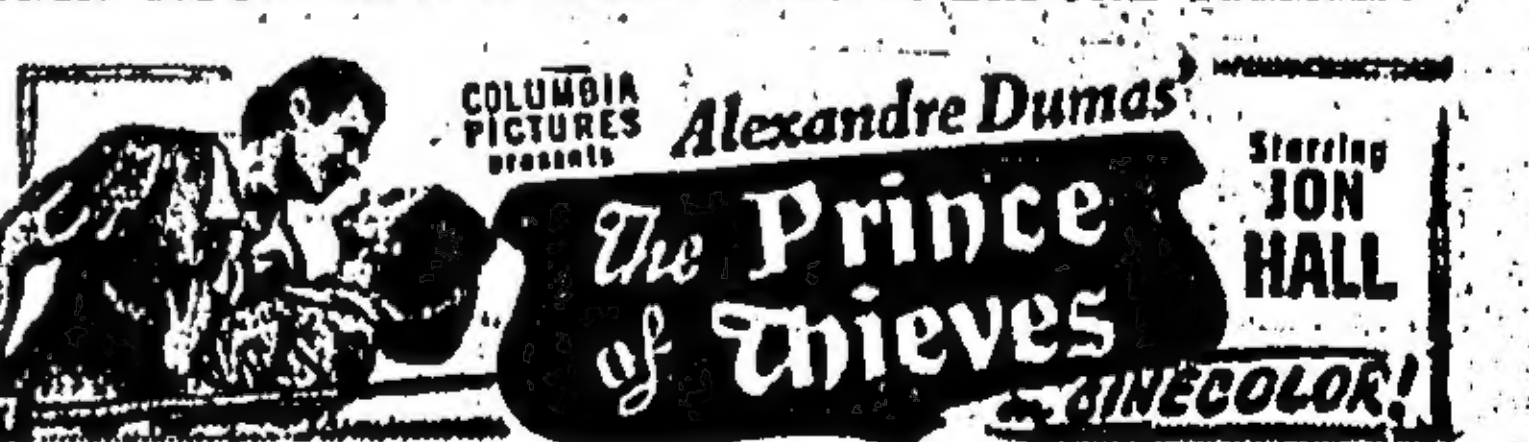
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### CHINA'S NEW CABINET

At this time of crisis in China's affairs, the new Cabinet appointed to serve under Wong Wen-hao, sound as it is in many respects, will arouse few enthusiasms. The introduction of the much-needed new blood, to provide both the talent and the strong personalities able to carry through the extreme measures required in the present emergency, is conspicuously lacking, though there may be something in the rather fatalistic submission that when the fortunes of the country have sunk so low, the next turn of the cycle must inevitably be upward. What encouragement is to be derived from this sort of soothing syrup does little to diminish the disappointment of China's well-wishers that the inauguration of democratic government leaves so little unchanged and for all practical purposes finds the administration entrusted to the same hands. Nor do the several refusals of prominent leaders to accept the responsibilities of office make the situation any better. Even Wong Wen-hao, who assumes the heaviest burden, was not the first choice for the premiership, though he is sufficiently well-known and respected to permit the feeling that he may yet prove himself to be the best choice. It is perfectly true, also, that the team with which he has surrounded himself would, in other circumstances, probably make a thoroughly good team, for it is composed largely of experts who are admittedly able men at their job. Unfortunately, few of them possess political influence of any consequence. The set-up is one which could have distinct advantages in a well-organised state, but in China to-day it is to be feared that the product is much more likely to be 'responsibility without power.' After the failure of Ho Ying-chin and Chang Chun to form administrations, Wong Wen-hao's government gives the impression that it represents the last chance, with the very grave danger that should he fail to satisfy the need, a willing successor would be extremely difficult to find, even leading to a break-up of the Kuomintang and chaos.

Included in the twenty Ministries announced are only five new men, and only two of these are important—General Ho Ying-chin who has taken over the Ministry of National Defence from Pai Chung-hsi, and Wang Yun-wu, formerly President of the Executive Yuan, who becomes Minister of Finance in the place of Mr. O. K. Yui. Next to the Premier, Mr. Wang Yun-wu has taken on the weightiest task, and he will have started well if there is any truth in the persistent reports that currency reform will engage his first and urgent attention. No estimate can be formed of the merits of the plan predicted without formal announcement and further details, but of the necessity for some such effort to place China's currency on a stable basis there can be no doubt. It is, in fact, the first need, and it is by the results it achieves in this special mission that the Wong Wen-hao Government is likely to be judged.

Many Turks are going to take time off from thinking of future wars this summer and turn toward archaeological studies of ancient ruins. In January this year he was made Director of the British Institute of Archaeology in Turkey. Over seventy himself, Professor Garstang is no doubt wishes to challenge the old age record which Anatolia surely holds. There have been many cases recently of centenarians in this inaccessible part of the world.

The first major task of the British Institute in Turkey is being undertaken this summer, and a great number of Turks, professors and students alike, will be taking part. It is to seek for a lost Hittite city flourishing long before Alexander the Great passed that way in the foothills of the Taurus mountains.

Behind a recent discovery in the region of S.E. Turkey is an interesting story. In a near-by village to the proposed dig the schoolmaster, Ekrem Kusa, was a keen amateur archaeologist. For the past 20 years he has spent his summer holidays in exploring this region which is rich in historical remains. This obsession of his bore fruit in 1945, when he discovered a lion monument and a great monolithic statue. At first he kept these discoveries to himself, relishing the thought that at last he had discovered something important. Also he wanted to make sure.

To get to Karatepe where he made his find, which translated from Turkish means, Black Summit, a trek on horseback by a

mountain track is necessary. Certain that he was on something big, Ekrem Kusa at last told an archaeological expedition from Istanbul of his discoveries. They acted as quickly as possible to the spot to confirm and found much to reward them.

Inscriptions on stone and reliefs have now been deciphered to show that this was probably the summer resort for Ashurnasirpal, King of the Assyrians, believed to have lived in the period around 1370 B.C.

Professor Garstang is leading a full-scale expedition to Karatepe this summer, and he entertains great hopes of unearthing invaluable data on the Hittite period.

Freeman was answering a Parliamentary question submitted by Communist Phil Piratin. Associated Press.

**NEW AUSTRALIAN ENVOY**

Canberra, June 1.

The Australian Government has decided to appoint Alfred Stirling, former Minister to Washington, as High Commissioner for South Africa, high Ministerial sources told The Associated Press after a Cabinet meeting last night.

Keith Officer, Minister to The Hague, is appointed Australian Ambassador to China, succeeding Professor Douglas Copland. Associated Press.

# PALESTINE

## The First Jewish State For Nearly 1900 Years

By A Special Correspondent  
In The Holy Land

J.L. HAYS

As the Union Jack on the roof of our Government House in Jerusalem was lowered by a salaried of the Highland Light Infantry, as the pipers played a lament, as bayonets below in the courtyard stiffened in a General Salute and Britain's 30 years' reign in Palestine ended, so the first Jewish State in 1978 years was born.

All those years passed since the Spring of 70 A.D., when the Roman general Titus concentrated his legions for the siege of Jerusalem, capital of Judea. The Siege lasted 11 months. Eleven hundred thousand Jews perished in famine and fighting. Then the Romans stormed the walls and destroyed the Jews' temple by fire—for which even today the Jews still mourn at the Wailing Wall, part of the original Temple—and carried off 970,000 survivors into captivity.

Today in the sunlit streets of the same Jerusalem, with blue and white striped Zionist flags waving over the shiny-new shopping centres, glittering with chromium and coloured glass, Jewish typists with upturned hair-do's, gay in crisp new length summer frocks, their high heels tanning, are taking a half hour off to buy souvenir first postage stamps of the second Jewish State—the Republic of Eretz Israel.

But 1,978 years is a long time to have gone without an independent Government of your own.

Under British rule Jewish institutions enjoyed autonomy in such fields as health, education and social services. They have always in Palestine run their own hospitals, universities and schools, certainly the finest in the Middle East.

Not for nothing was the Jewish Agency, with an expenditure of £30,000,000 in five years, known as a "Government within a Government." Now it is extending its activities to include postal services, law courts, an import-export licensing system and taxation.

With a £5,000,000 internal war loan already floated, the new in-

How are the Jews going to make out?

Certainly they themselves show little anxiety about their ability to follow up the country-wide military action which has "unofficially" partitioned Palestine according to the United Nations' plan of last November, with the rapid installation of their own administrative machinery.

Something like 9,000 Jews served with the British Administration from department executives down through clerks and telephone operators to engine drivers, policemen and postmen. They are all being absorbed into the Jewish Government service. Many of them will get rapid promotion.

Haganah becomes the constituted army of Eretz Israel. For 60 years the defence force of Jewish institutions, and controlled, recruited and financed by them, Haganah was officially "handed over" to its commanders a few days ago by Mr. David Ben-Gurion, Prime Minister.

The Jews now expect planes, already secretly purchased all over the world as the nucleus of their Jewish Air Force, to be flown in by all-Jewish crews—many former R.A.F. and American Air Force men—to abandon airfields controlled by Haganah "commandos."

Ships loaded with military stores, including guns and armour, petrol and food, are said to be already on the high seas, their voyages timed to enable them to drop anchor off Tel Aviv and Haifa as soon as the British mandate ended.

Not many Jews think it is all over bar shouting in Palestine. The danger of invasion of Haganah—"partitioned" territory by the regular armies of neighbouring Arab States is still real enough, or top priority to be given to general mobilisation.

If the Jews have to establish their new State almost from scratch and at the same time fight a war, it is likely to have birth pains.

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## AND HERE IS A PEN PICTURE OF ITS FIRST PREMIER

Mr. David Ben-Gurion, who, at 61, is the first Premier of the new Jewish State of Eretz Israel, has often been described as the "Lloyd George of Palestine Jewry."

Certainly Mr. Ben-Gurion's halo of untidy, white hair, his short build, and startlingly blue eyes under shaggy brows give him a reasonable physical resemblance to Britain's first World War leader, but it is more in personal mannerisms and personality that they are alike.

As was Lloyd George, Mr. Ben-Gurion is an orator. His Hebrew is lyrical and loudly passionate in debate, but when using his mechanically perfect English he sounds hard and bluntly uncompromising.

An example—his interpretation of the Jewish State which he is now to rule: "We mean simply Jewish independence. And when we say Jewish independence we mean Jewish soil, labour, agriculture and industry. We mean the Jewish language, schools, culture. We mean Jewish safety and security—complete independence as for any other free people. We need a Jewish State in order to make a Jewish national home."

And not a word about how the Arabs will fare inside the Jewish frontiers.

Perhaps of all the Jewish leaders he was the most bitter opponent of the British White Paper of 1939 which restricted Jewish immigration and agricultural colonisation at a time when Europe's Jews were fleeing before the Nazis. When World War II came he said: "We shall fight the war as if there were no White Paper and we shall fight the White Paper as if there were no war."

This somewhat ambiguous statement is often quoted by his friends to block suggestions that he is anti-British. In fact he did much to encourage enlistment by volunteers into the British forces.

But, pro-British as he might have been until the rise of Hitler, any affection he held for his country has steadily cooled since.

This is best illustrated by his attitude towards terrorism. Consistently he has declared himself an opponent of violence, but before the Anglo-American Committee on Palestine he said collaboration by the Jewish Agency with the British in suppressing terrorism had to be given up because it was "futile."

His only relaxation is the study of classical Greek, and he has a library of hundreds of rare Greek texts.

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British officials did not believe then, and neither do they believe now, that it was anything of the sort.

Every policeman in Palestine was always certain the Agency could have beaten down both Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang any time they wished.

Palestine Jews like to describe him as temperamental, and dynamic. They tell stories of how hard he works, how relentlessly he drives his assistants; of the sensitiveness to criticism and contradiction; of his noisy rages.

But for many Jews his oratory is the subject of suspicion; and so is his political judgment. As leader of the Coalition Government he will be closely watched.

Like most Palestine Jews who have known both Turkish and British rule his political career has had its ups and downs.

After working as a labourer and mounted watchman in the settlements, he went in 1913 to Constantinople to study law. He was then pro-British and pro-Allied, and after World War I, began he wasn't afraid to say so.

He was soon expelled by the Turks, who stamped his passport "Not permitted to re-enter Palestine."

So he went to America and organised a Zionist colonisation movement and an American Jewish Legion.

After General Allenby liberated Jerusalem from the Turks, Mr. Ben-Gurion returned and joined up as a private in the Fortieth Royal Fusiliers, a battalion of British, American and European Jewish volunteers.

After the war ended he rose rapidly to prominence in the Socialist movement. He helped to organise the all-powerful Histadruth trade union organisation, and was secretary of the Palestine Labour Party, Mapai, from 1921 to 1938, when he moved up to the Jewish Agency Executive.

It was not until 1945 that he was elected Chairman of the Executive, displacing Palestine Jewry's "elder statesman," Dr. Chaim Weizmann.

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## WESTERN GERMANY TO HAVE PARLIAMENT

London, June 1.  
The main achievements of the six-power talks in London on Germany, which ended tonight, are authoritatively stated to include:

1—Agreement to set up a German constituent Assembly for the three Western Zones on or about Sept. 1, 1948;

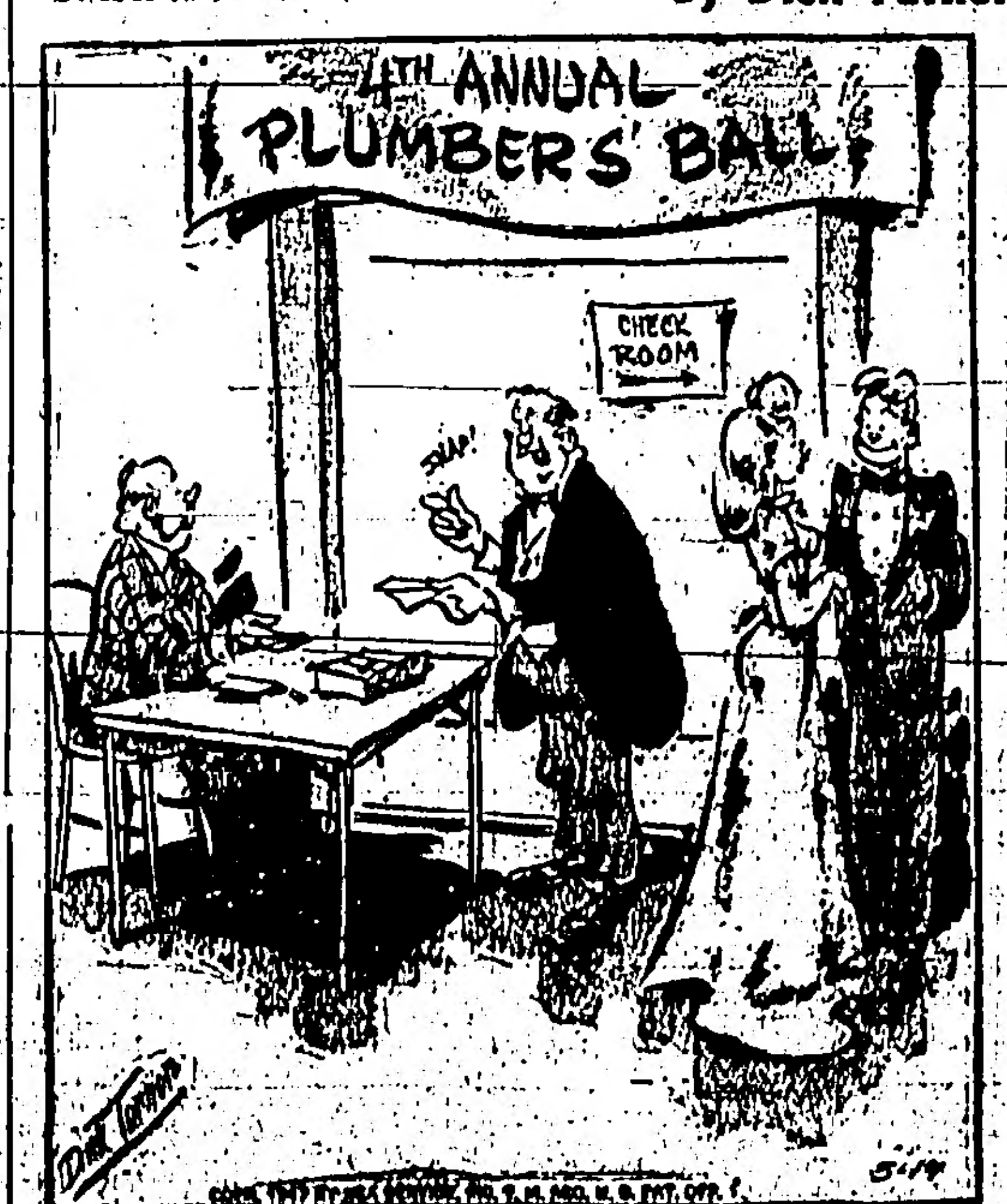
2—The creation of an international control organisation for the Ruhr industries composed of the six powers—Britain, France, the United States, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—and representatives of Western Germany, with powers over the distribution of key Ruhr products, in particular coal, coke and steel, and;

3—Agreement to introduce currency reform in the Western Zones of Germany—probably early in July—but not, it is anticipated, in the Western Sectors of Berlin.

At today's final session, attended by the heads of the delegations and presided over by Britain's Sir William Strang, the Conference's report, for submission to the Governments of the participating powers, was signed.

It is expected that a formal communiqué according the conclusion of the Conference in agreement on all points will be published tomorrow.—Reuter.

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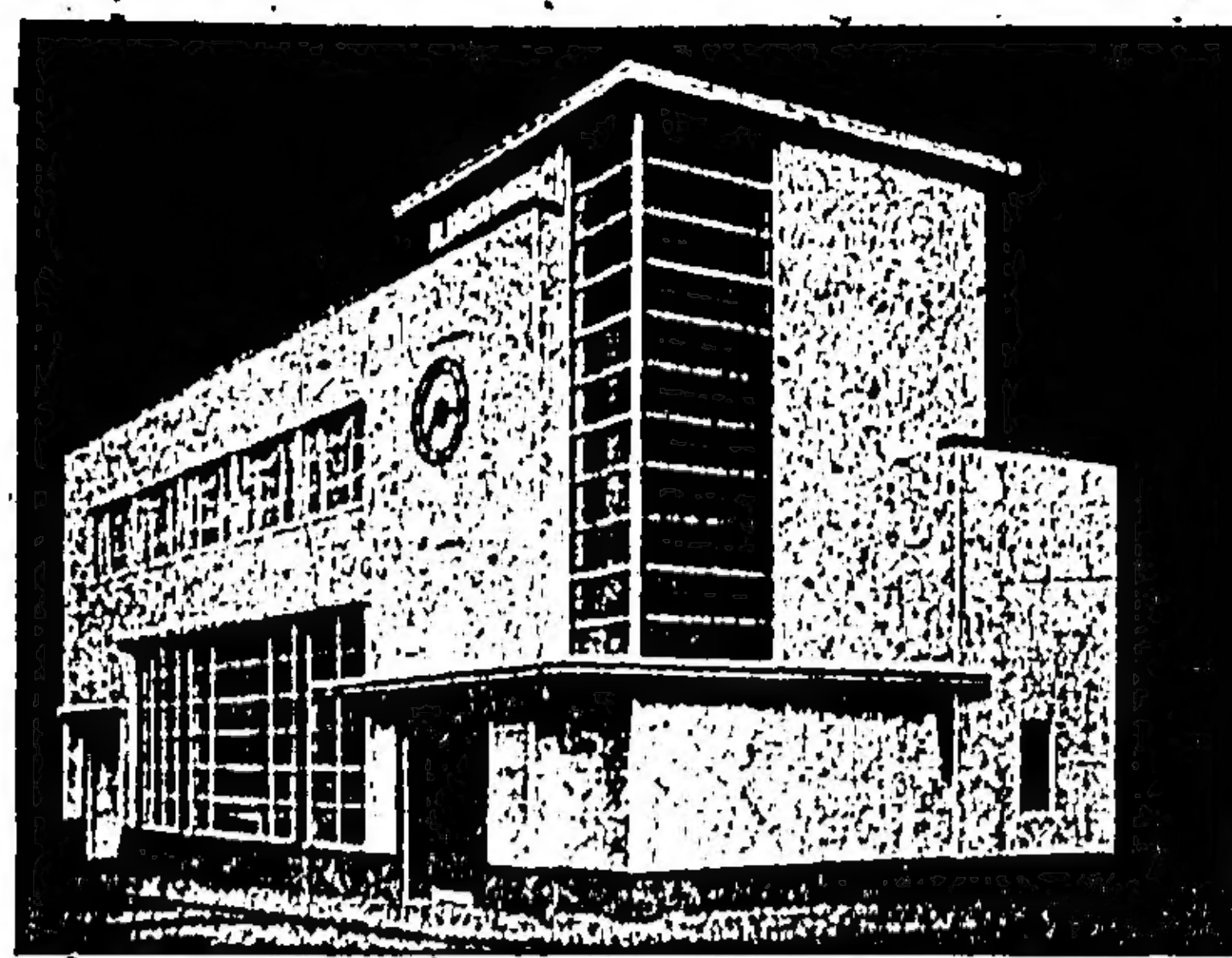
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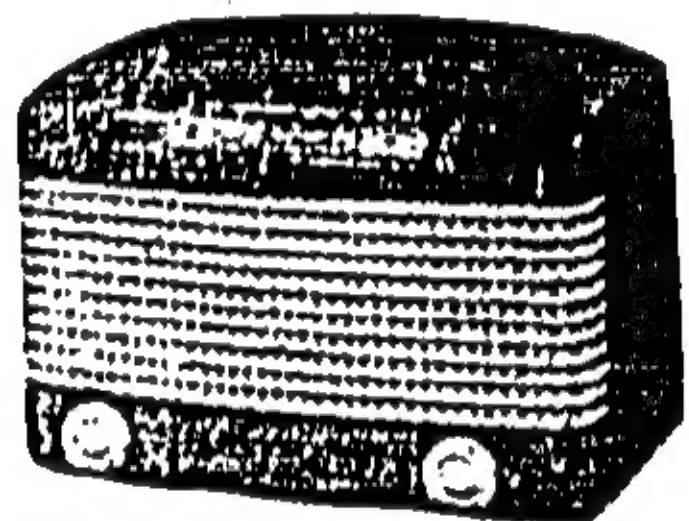


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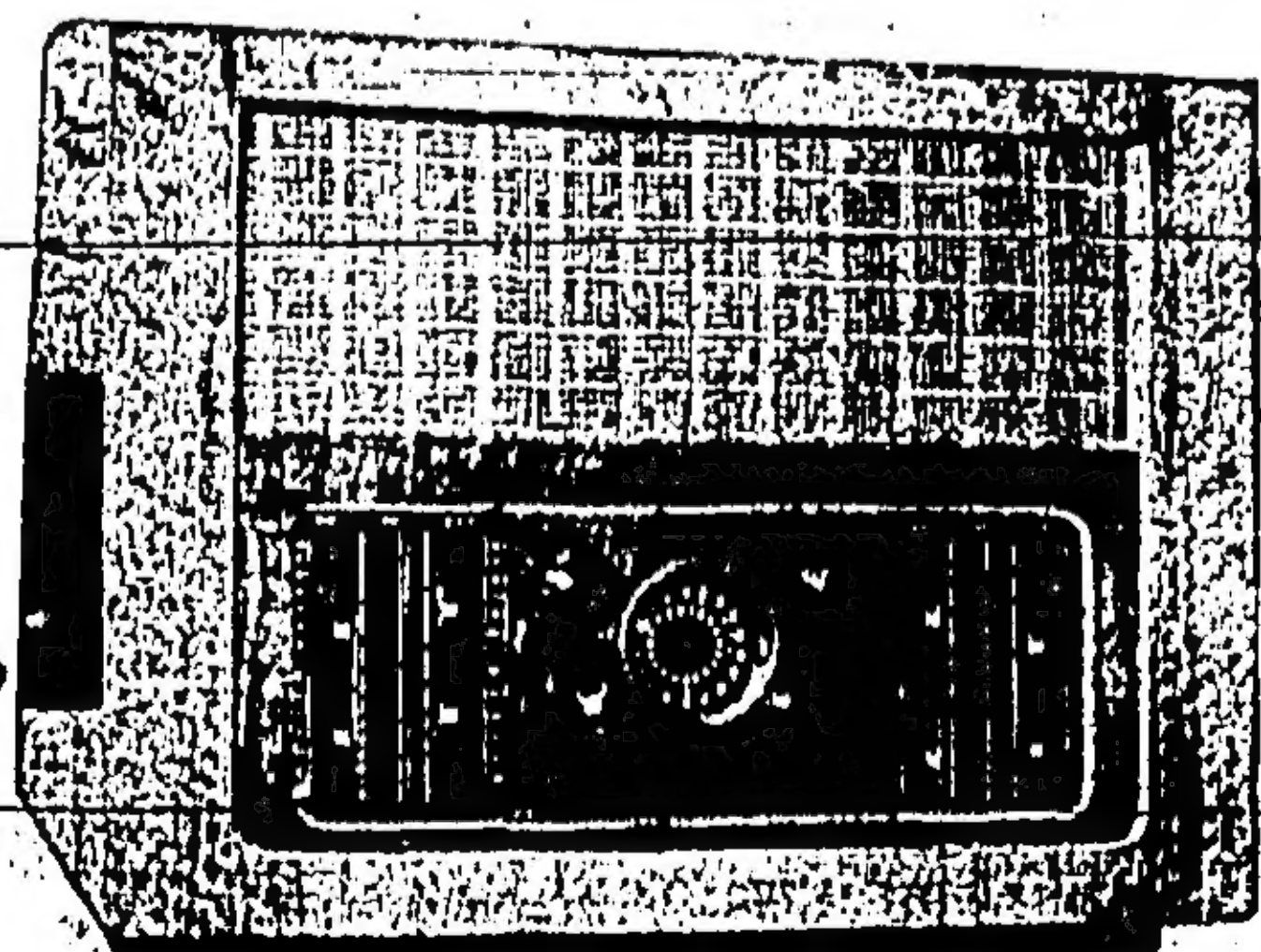
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The supporting posts, or columns, and the frame of the roof, in bays of 30-ft. span and 10-ft. long, are made of steel tubes. The columns provide a height to the eaves of 7-ft. 6 in. Each is inserted in a concrete foundation to a depth of about 1 ft., and has an arrangement of flanges at the top for attaching to the truss and purlins. The rafters of the trusses are arched to form a ridge roof, and the

lower tie-beam is also arched. Each truss consists of two symmetrical triangular frames, known as half-trusses and fabricated with lattice bracing from steel tubes. Two half-trusses are joined directly at the lower centre corners, and by a bracing tube at the upper centre corners, to form a complete truss. The outer corner of each half-truss is bolted to the top of a column. In each bay there are eight purlins attached to the rafters, seven purlins attached to the tie-beams, and a purlin at each eave. Corrugated asbestos-cement sheets are fastened to the upper purlins, over the whole area of the roof, to form an outer roof, and the purlins to form an inner roof; the latter sheets do not extend as far as the eaves, but a space is formed between the upper and lower sheets which permits air to circulate in the roof.

The material required for erecting a three-bay structure, 30 ft. by 30 ft., weighs approximately 5 tons, and consists of eight columns, 105 lb. each; 51 purlins, 47 lb. each; four truss braces, eight half-trusses, 187 lb. each; 54 straight sheets and 18 curved sheets; and three bags of bolts. The framing, without labour in approximately 50 man-hours. All steel members are protected by hot-dip galvanising. The Arcon tropical roof is thus highly resistant to atmospheric corrosion; it is also designed to prevent insects from attacking the material of the structure or infesting the roof. It can be used for a variety of purposes, such as offices, warehouses, schools, bungalows, hostels, etc., and by erecting walls up to the edges of the inner roof, a verandah is provided, and the circulation of air in the roof ensures cool conditions inside the building. The principal components of Arcon roofs are manufactured by Messrs. Stewarts and Lloyds, Limited, and Messrs. Turners Asbestos Cements Co., Ltd.

### New ICI Development

More than £32,500,000 worth of goods were exported by the Imperial Chemical Industries, the big United Kingdom chemical group, in 1947. This is disclosed in the Company's annual report.

The report lays stress on the importance of increasing competitive efficiency in export fields. Lord McGowan, the Chairman, emphasising that "British industry will have to stand or fall by its own efficiency and its capacity to produce goods at competitive prices."

The Company's policy "throughout the war and since" has been "to keep prices as low as possible."

The immense amount of development work carried out by the I.C.I. in 1947 is shown by the statement that the value of fixed assets increased from approximately £70,000,000 to £84,000,000 during the year. One scheme in which particularly promising progress has been made is the £17,000,000 petroleum chemical works at Wilton, North England. Here, construction is stated to be well ahead and the first plants—scheduled to produce perspex for the plastics industry—will be in production before the end of this year. Therefore, constructional work will be concentrated on a plant to crack petroleum for the manufacture of chemicals.

While the cracking of crude petroleum is not a recent development, since the oil industry cracks millions of tons yearly, whereas the oil industry applies the process mainly for the production of motorcar and aviation fuel, Wilton's object is to use petroleum as a source from which to manufacture a wide range of essential chemicals such as solvents for paints, cellulose, lacquer for cars, saccharins, drugs, anti-malarial paludrine, fibres such as nylon and dyestuffs.

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about the corresponding axis. Use of this "Rate-Rate" control as distinct from displacement control and displacement feedback used on conventional auto-pilots marks a great advance in technique.

PICTURE SHOWS the new all-electric automatic aircraft pilot installed in an Avro aircraft.

### Decca Navigator Extension

A new Decca navigator which can be operated on liners and other deep sea vessels was announced recently by Lloyd's List.

Use of this British system, considered one of the most accurate in the world, has hitherto been confined mainly to coasting and short sea-vessels. Its extension to ocean-going vessels has been made possible by the introduction of an additional feature known as the lane identification system. This will enable ships to switch from one chain of Decca stations to another by rotation of a simple switch and automatically receive signals indicating the ship's position.

On completion of the Danish chain Decca stations this summer this new receiver will make it possible for ships to use both the English and Danish chains and to obtain full service of the Decca navigator system from Ushant to the Southern Baltic. Particularly, ocean-going vessels entering the Western Approaches will have automatic indication of their position on the last and most difficult stages of their voyages.

The Decca system is at present used by a wide variety of vessels from large passenger ships to small steam trawlers of some 150 tons.

Degree Of Accuracy

The system enables a navigator to tell his true dead course by a simple reading of two dials—no other instrument is necessary. At present accuracy to within 300 yards at a distance of 200 miles is claimed, an extreme range of 1,500 miles giving accuracy of half a mile in daylight and two miles after dark.

Decca's wide range of application is indicated by a report published in last week's "Syren" on a recent trial installation in a North Sea fishing trawler.

This was the first test of the system by a British fishing trawler and the skipper reported that the extreme accuracy of the Decca navigator in fixing his position enabled him to pick up fishing grounds in the shortest possible steaming time. On one occasion he had been able to make at least three hauls before other vessels, which left port at

the same time, had reached the fishing ground. During one trip there was danger for four days but despite this the Decca system enabled him to keep his position absolutely on the fishing grounds. He described the navigator as the "finest aid to fishing which I have so far experienced."

The trial was so successful that six further fishing trawlers are being equipped immediately. It is anticipated that large numbers of other vessels will be similarly equipped with Decca in the near future.

### NO 'IDEA SHORTAGE' AT BIRMINGHAM

A tour of the Birmingham section of the British Industries Fair in search of new ideas among the exhibits quickly produced a bag of a dozen to testify to the ingenuity and skill of Britain's manufacturers.

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8. A mobile safety saw which halves the cost of cutting pilings, posts, and firewood, and doubles the output.

9. An electric fire with imitation coal in which the heat actually comes from the "coal." It consumes cigarette-ends and matches accidentally thrown on the "coal" by unsuspecting visitors.

10. A safety gas-tap which has a spring-like device. The device is automatic and fool-proof in whatever position the gas-taps are used and it is impossible for the taps to be turned on accidentally.

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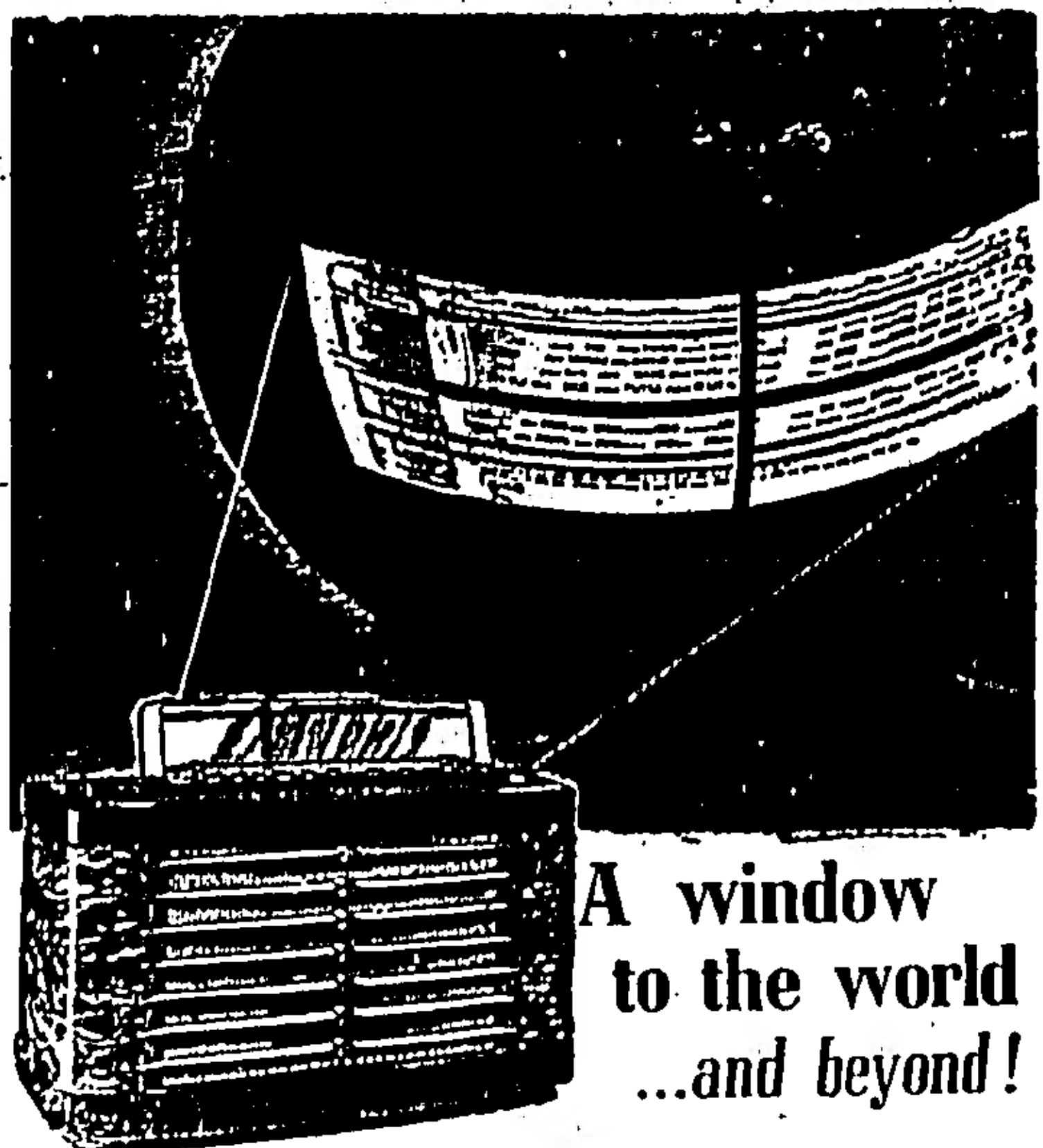
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# HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE ON THE DEATH PENALTY Effect Of Abolition In The Colonies BILL'S REJECTION EXPECTED

London, June 1.  
Lord Llewellyn, moving in the House of Lords today rejection of a House of Commons proposal to suspend the death penalty for murder in Britain, cited the ritual murders on the Gold Coast as one of the reasons for retaining it.  
Abolition, he said, was bound to have repercussions in the British colonies. "You cannot have one law for those with white skins and a different law for those with coloured skins," he said, amid the cheers of a packed Chamber.

If the death penalty was abolished, it would result in the people of some colonies taking the law into their own hands. There would be more ritual and tribal feuds, which Britain was trying to stamp out.  
Lord Llewellyn, a Conservative peer, said if the death penalty was not a deterrent—why keep it as a punishment for treason?  
A vote on Lord Llewellyn's motion to reject the no-hanging clause in a Bill to reform the British penal system will be taken tomorrow. So many peers wished to speak that the debate had to be extended to two days.  
The no-hanging clause, which suspends the death penalty for murder for a trial period of five years, was inserted in the Bill by the House of Commons last April.

### A Compromise

The Government is against abolition of the crime wave which has followed the war, but granted the House of Commons a free vote because it considered it a non-party matter and one of conscience.  
The House of Lords, where the Opposition has an overwhelming majority, are expected to reject the no-hanging clause. The Bill will then go back to the House of Commons for reconsideration.  
The Government has stated that it is bound to support a decision taken by the Commons, even though it disagrees with it, but it has been suggested, writes Reuters Parliamentary correspondent, that a compromise might be reached by retaining the death penalty for a second murder.  
Since the House of Commons decision on abolition, all convicted murderers have had their sentences commuted. Two former Home Secretaries, the Home Secretary has the power to reprieve a man sentenced to death—look opposite views today.

### Totalitarian

Lord Samuel, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords, thought that the death penalty should be retained for certain crimes, such as political assassination; murder of the police or members of the public who

## Czech Arms For Palestine

Washington, June 1.  
Both sides in the struggle in Palestine are trying to buy arms in Czechoslovakia, diplomatic quarters here claimed today.  
Press reports said some arms may already be on the way to Israel from Prague.  
Diplomatic quarters had no confirmation of this report by Mr. Hanson Baldwin, military correspondent of the New York Times, as well as clandestinely from the United States.  
The reliability of the latter point is supported by the fact that some men were arrested in New Jersey several days ago.—Reuters.

help to apprehend criminals; carefully premeditated murders.  
On the other hand, Lord Templewood, Conservative, wanted to see the abolition of execution. The great majority of murderers "whose sentences had been commuted had made good," he said. "Out of 174 cases, only 15 had been convicted again, and only one was guilty of a subsequent murder."  
"It is dangerous even with 'human monsters' to say they must be eliminated," he said. "It goes far too near the totalitarian argument which eliminates people and, indeed, races, for this or that reason. I would hesitate to exterminate any human being."

### Dr. Fisher's View

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, said the Government was proposing to legislate against its own convictions. "As in some other instances, the Government has got itself and everyone of us into trouble by well-intentioned but hasty, ill-considered actions," he said.  
Saying that he spoke for himself and not for the Church, the Archbishop declared that the weight of experience and argument was against abolition at this time.  
The debate was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuters.

## "Dark Forces" In South Africa

New York, June 1.

The Herald-Tribune, commenting on Jan Smuts' election defeat, said today:

"For a good many years now Jan Christian Smuts has been the Grand Old Man of South African politics. And he has been something more than that—to the world outside he has been the vital many-sided personality and symbol of what is strong and mature of the complex nation he represented so well."

"The drama of the career of this Afrikaner was the drama of his own life. And his defeat at the age of 78 is more than a personal tragedy. Indeed for this philosopher in politics it is doubtful whether his defeat constitutes a tragedy at all."

"But for his country the adverse verdict is a very grave matter. The major issue on which the South African election was fought was the racial question. Smuts' programme of reform in racial matters was very mild from the standpoint of nations outside Africa."

"But apparently it was too radical for a majority of South Africans and the result of the

## Basic Ration Returns

London, June 1.  
The standard "basic" petrol ration for all British car owners returned today after over seven months' suspension, but few motorists were seen on the roads.  
The new ration allows 90 miles motoring per month and reports indicated most owners were saving up their coupons for week-ends or holidays.  
The "basic" ration was abolished last autumn as part of the "austerity" campaign.—Reuters.

## CONTROLS TO VANISH

Canberra, June 1.  
Mr. Joseph Cahill, the Prime Minister, announced today that the Government has decided, in view of the referendum defeat on Federal price controls, to relinquish control of rents within three months and land sale control within three months.  
The state governments, he said, had been invited to set up machinery for administering these controls.  
Voters had been asked to approve an amendment to the Commonwealth constitution, enabling the Federal Government permanently to assume the rent and price control powers, taken over during the war.—Reuters.

## CIVIL DEFENCE IN BRITAIN

London, June 1.  
The Prime Minister, Mr. Attlee, told the House of Commons today that the Government was examining all aspects of civil defence in the event of another war.  
Mr. Attlee said legislation dealing with certain points was being prepared.—United Press.

## British Zone Not To Have Minister

London, June 1.  
This changed conditions in the British Zone of Germany made unnecessary the appointment of a successor to Lord Pakenham, former Minister responsible for the British Zones of Germany and Austria, it was considered in well-informed quarters in London today.

Lord Pakenham has been appointed Minister of Civil Aviation. Political quarters here pointed to the increasing integration of the British and United States zones of occupation and the prospect that, as a result of the recommendations reached by the six-power London Conference on Germany, the British Zone will now require the full time attention of a Minister.  
On the official side, the present head of the German Department of the Foreign Office, Sir William Strang, will remain responsible.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, retains overall responsibility and can delegate the task of answering questions to either of his lieutenants, Mr. Hector McNeill, Minister of State, or Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.—Reuters.

## COINS TURNED TO LEAD

Clermont-Ferrand,

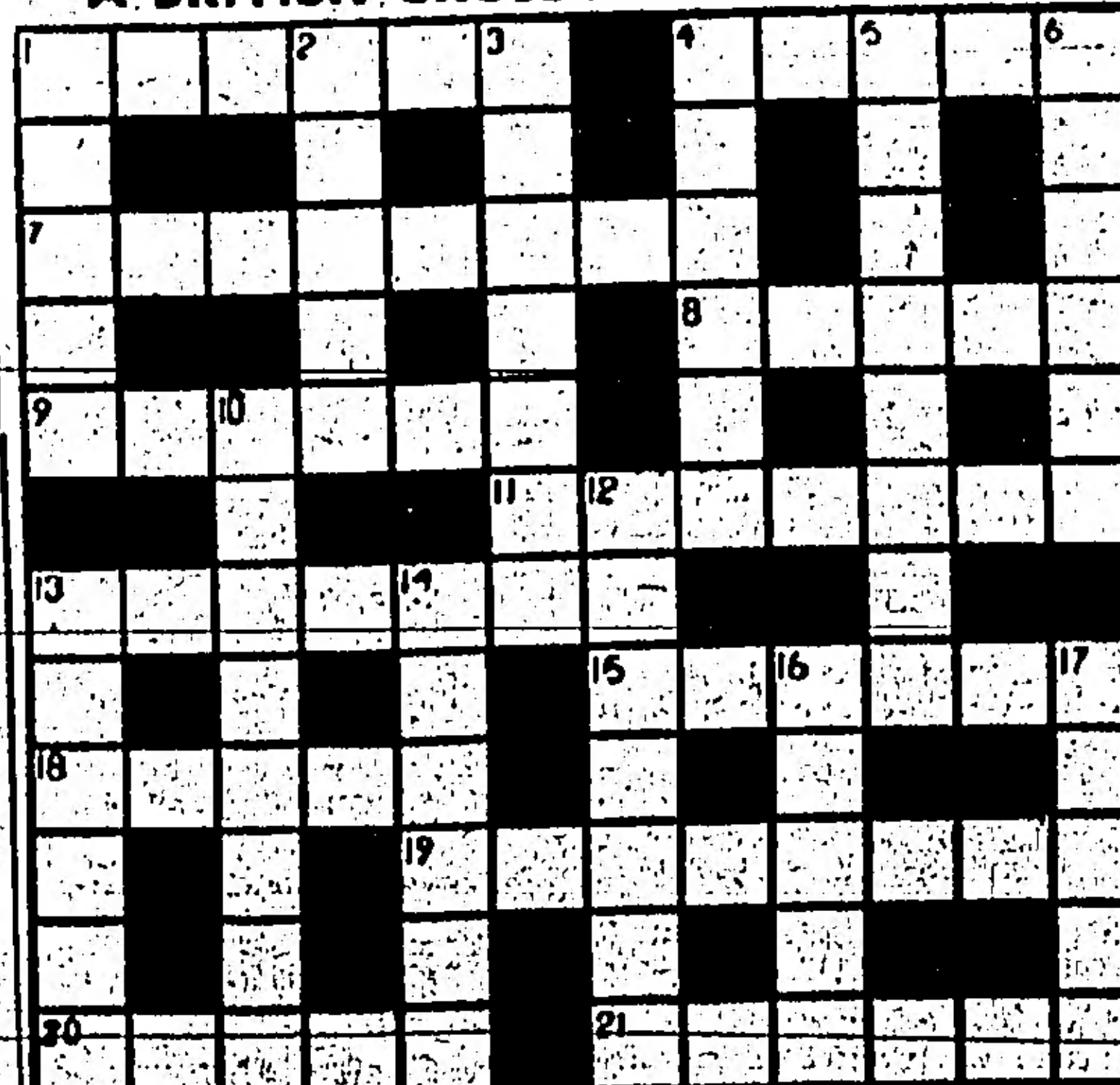
June 1.  
Antoine Marignani, professional magician, was under arrest here today, charged with turning more than 2,000,000 francs worth of gold coins into lead slugs in a private performance.

The police brigade of Clermont-Ferrand arrested Marignani and his friend, Alexandre Gibault, on the complaint of the proprietor of the Royal Hotel. The hotel man charged that the pair approached him last month with an offer to buy his establishment.

They allegedly told the hotel man they had a stack of gold which they wanted to exchange for banknotes. The gold coins were duly counted out before a bank representative, who handed over paper money.

When the banker opened the sack of "coins," he found only lead slugs which Marignani allegedly had substituted for the real thing in the sleight-of-hand manoeuvre.—United Press.

## A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Clues Across

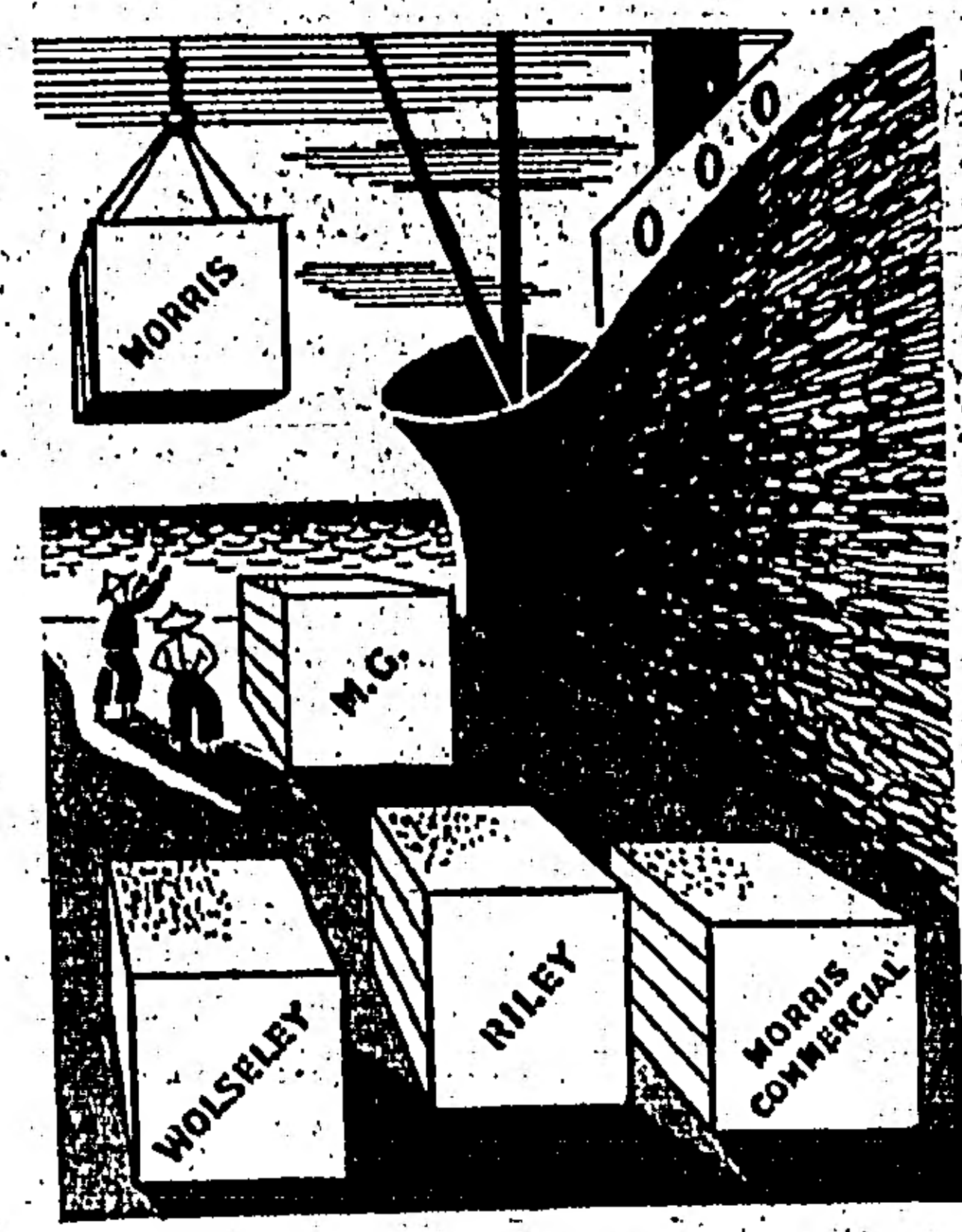
- 1 Method.
- 4 Crest.
- 7 Remembered.
- 8 Precise.
- 9 Entertain.
- 11 Enticed.
- 12 Park.
- 15 Judicial decision.
- 16 Wanders.
- 19 Awful.
- 20 Exorbitant.
- 21 Dab.

### Clues Down

- 1 Fragment.
- 2 Traffic.
- 3 Half-breed.
- 4 Ransom.
- 5 Contain.
- 6 Delighted.
- 10 Changeable.
- 12 Ratify.
- 13 Permeable.
- 14 Part of the fool.
- 16 Brittle.
- 17 Incident.

### Yesterday's Crossword

- Across: 1. Boss, 4. Riotous, 8. Arise, 9. Halo, 10. Sporan, 11. Rake, 12. Fore, 14. Sledge, 15. Axes, 16. Stern, 23. Theorem, 26. Stand, 27. Vets, 28. Gambled, 29. Ache, 30. Vent, 31. Keenest, 32. Turn.
- Down: 2. Orator, 3. Stores, 4. Hush, 5. Impels, 6. Tired, 7. Usage, 12. Part, 13. Rife, 15. Glee, 16. Send, 18. Severe, 20. Wealth, 21. Tasher, 25. Heave, 24. Grail, 25. Model.



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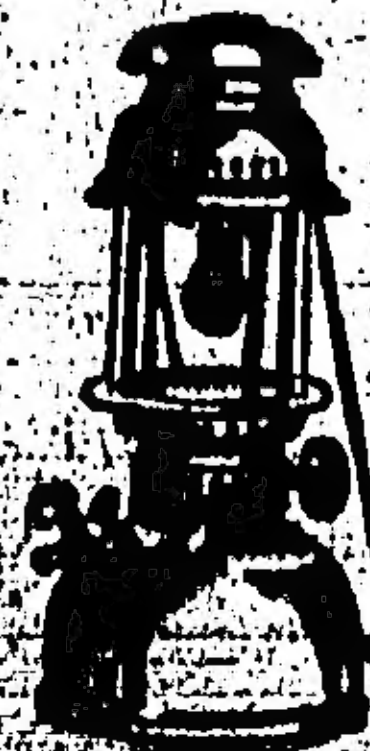


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# BOTH SIDES AGREE TO A TRUCE

## One-Month Cessation Of JEWIS MAKE RESERVATION ON IMPORT OF ARMS

London, June 1.

The Provisional Government of Israel and the Arab League have informed the United Nations Security Council that they accept the Council's order for a one-month truce in Palestine.

Official Syrian sources in Damascus, however, said tonight that fighting would continue in the Holy Land during present negotiations between the Arab leaders and the Security Council, and the Arab meeting in Amman will in their negotiations try to guarantee that Arab military efforts have not been in vain.

Israel accepted the Council's call to cease fire when its Government called on all Jewish forces to stop firing as from 0300 Palestine time tomorrow, provided the Arabs do likewise.

The Arabs accepted the truce when Faris Bey Al Khoury, Syrian delegate to the United Nations and President of the Security Council this month, received a cable from the Arab states, declaring their acceptance and promising a detailed reply by cable later today.

The Jews, in their reply, said the cease-fire order to Israel's forces had been given on the assumption:—  
1—The ban on the import of arms to Arab countries, proposed by the Council during a one-month truce, shall apply to delivery from stocks owned or controlled by foreign powers within the territories of the Arab states;  
2—During the cease-fire the armed forces of neither side shall seek to advance beyond the areas they now hold, and each

side shall be entitled to maintain their present positions.

### War Goes On

While both Jews and Arabs have informed the Council of their willingness to abide by a truce, earlier reports today indicated that Israeli forces have reached the Mediterranean at Haifa, thus cutting communication between Tel Aviv and Haifa.

Arab Legion shelling of Jewish positions in Jerusalem meanwhile continued today. Only interruptions occurred when the Arab gunners stopped shelling the Hebrew University after lunch when a two-hour truce was arranged to evacuate 100 seriously wounded Arabs from the French Hospital in the Old City.

Israeli troops today stood around Tel Aviv in a semi-circle 11 to 14 kilometres away and with Arab irregulars recaptured the main water pumping station on the pipeline to Jerusalem, about 11 kilometres from the Jewish capital.

An Iraqi communique also claimed that the Jews retreated in panic from Kfar Yona, about three kilometres east of the Nethanyah crossroad on the Tel Aviv-Haifa Road, leaving a number of dead and injured. The Hagana commander was killed, it was stated.

Egyptian forces, meanwhile, are attacking all Jewish colonies on the 25-mile stretch of the Palestine coast between Isdud to the south and Tel Aviv to the north. Egyptian planes bombed Jewish settlements about 16 miles south-east of the Jewish capital, leaving it in flames.—Reuter.

## Soviet Consulate In Java

Prague, June 1.  
The representative here of the Indonesian Government, Mr. Suriano, who concluded an agreement with the Soviet Embassy here on May 22 for the establishment of consular relations, said to-day he had heard reports that he was to be asked to return, but had not received any official word.

His Government had not informed him about any arrangements with the United Nations good offices committee to prevent the Republic from establishing independent relations with foreign countries.

Asked whether the exchange of consuls would contravene any agreement through the good offices committee, he said he believed it might be taken as a simple matter of establishing contacts without involving "recognition" on a diplomatic level.

Earlier, Mr. Suriano, known as an Information Officer in Prague, said he was appointed by Dr. Soekarno, President of the Indonesian Republic, as "special envoy and Minister Plenipotentiary" to establish relations with the Soviet Union and the governments of Central and Eastern Europe.—Reuter.

## Supply Route To Germany

London, June 1.  
The Netherlands and Belgium have been invited by the Anglo-American bilateral authorities in Germany to start fresh talks on the use of Rotterdam and Antwerp for the transit of goods destined for the Anglo-American Zone.

The talks held last summer between the Anglo-American authorities and Dutch and Belgian representatives led to a provisional agreement. But this agreement, though accepted by the Dutch and Belgian Governments, was never approved by Britain and the United States.

The main point of disagreement has been the question of the cost in dollars of transit through the Dutch and Belgian ports compared with the cost of transit through the German ports of Hamburg and Bremen.

Informed quarters here believe the development of the European recovery programme within the last year may now make it possible to reach an agreement on this issue.—Reuter.

### NAVAL TRAGEDY

Norfolk, June 1.  
Nine United States Marines and 18 Navy men perished when a Navy launch was swamped in choppy waters when returning 90 men to their ship after Memorial Day leave here last night. It was officially announced today.—Reuter.

## US Call To Soviet

Washington, June 1.  
In a diplomatic note delivered to the Soviet Embassy today, the United States called on Soviet Russia to co-operate in settling the Trieste problem. This was the fourth note the United States has sent to Russia since March 20, urging a revision of the Italian peace treaty to return Trieste to Italy.

The reminder today recalled the earlier United States notes, the most recent of which, on April 16, stated the United States "would welcome any suggestions which the Soviet Government might desire to propose" on the settlement of the Trieste problem.—Reuter.

## Monarch's Remains To Return

Bangkok, June 1.  
Arrangements will soon be made for the return to Siam from England of the remains of the late King Prachetipok, who abdicated his throne in 1932 after the coup d'etat which established Siam as a constitutional monarchy.

The question as to what honours should be accorded the remains of a former monarch whose death occurred after his abdication was solved by the legal adviser to the Supreme Council of Regency who said that a precedent had been established in this matter with the return to France of the remains of Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte from St. Helena.

Although the French Emperor's death took place after his abdication, the "full dignity and honour of a reigning king" were provided for the conveyance of the royal remains to France, the legal adviser pointed out.—United Press.

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The Daily Express said: "She is full of fun—chirpy is the word for her."—United Press.

## BRITAIN TO AID CEYLON EFFORTS

London, June 1.  
Britain has agreed to do "what is possible" to help Ceylon develop her natural resources. This is revealed in a letter from Mr. Douglas Jay, Economic Secretary to the British Treasury, to Ceylon's Minister of Finance, Mr. J. R. Jayawardene, published today.

The arrangements made by the financial delegation sent over from Ceylon in April and now confirmed by both Governments concern sterling balances, foodstuffs, economic development and monetary co-operation.

Provision is made for a working balance in Ceylon of £4,000,000, which in certain circumstances may be increased by a further £1,000,000.

There will be a release of £3,500,000 which is agreed to be sufficient to cover any foreseeable deficit in Ceylon's balance up to the end of the year.

It was further agreed that if a substantial unforeseen rise in the prices of essential foodstuffs were to occur, the Ceylon Government should be entitled to run down the sum initially provided for working balance and after consultation to call for an additional £1,000,000.

## Oregon Disaster

## REFUGEES FLEE FLOOD AREAS

Portland, Oregon, June 1.  
Army engineers tonight ordered the mass evacuation of a 120-mile stretch on the flooded Columbia River, whose swirling waters are swamping the outskirts of this city of 660,000 people.

Many thousands of inhabitants of the affected area—at the lower end of the stream—have already fled, the Army authorities said. The flood has already cost at least 20 lives and more than \$37,000,000 in property losses.

The crest of the torrent, coming hourly nearer, is expected to reach Portland City tonight or early tomorrow. Already, the railway station and some streets are flooded.

The toll of dead will not be known until the waters recede. Two huge dams still resist the mighty force of the Columbia River, swollen by melting snows from the Rocky Mountains.

One of them, the Grand Coulee, the world's largest man-built structure, is 420 miles from here; the other, Bonneville, is 40 miles away.

Threat increases  
Army engineers today ordered all but flood workers out of the area behind the dykes. Thousands of people abandoned their homes and swelled

## LAST OF THE HOT MOMMAS

London, June 1.  
The British press opened its heart today to Sophie Tucker, "last of the Hot Mommas."

The press unanimously hailed her return to the British vaudeville stage last night as a personal triumph second to that scored by Danny Kaye, American screen comedian.

The Times said: "She is a red hot momma and even if we do not quite know what that may be, we can be sure in whatever she says or sings on the stage she never really is anything else. After 40 years in show business what she does not know does not matter."

The News Chronicle said: "Sophie Tucker emerges from a two-year absence from England like an express engine at full steam and full blast coming out of a tunnel. Her sheer power and impact of her warm personality is unimpaired."

The Daily Herald said she "sings better than ever... she had a great triumph."

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**CHINESE ORDNANCE MISSION  
BUYING IN UNITED STATES****Rising Costs Of  
Arms Purchases**

Washington, June 1.

A Chinese ordnance mission, here in connection with the United States' US\$125,000,000 military aid programme to China, indicated today the project may not be approved in detail for another three months.

Major General Yang Chi Tseng, China's Chief of Ordnance and head of the mission, said the Nanking Government had submitted to the United States its detailed proposal for using the funds.

"Our proposals may already be in the hands of the State Department," General Yang said, in an exclusive interview. "I brought a detailed proposal but its adoption depends upon the availability here of the required materials."

General Yang and his four associates here said they gave the proposal to Chinese Ambassador to Wellington Koo, "who is dealing with the State Department."

"My responsibility is to handle details of the programme," General Yang said. "In the event that what we already have proposed be required for China is not available, I have authority to change it."

General Yang and his associates expressed concern about "rising costs of what we proposed to acquire." They indicated they have not been informed yet whether the materials will come from American Government supplies or will be acquired in the commercial market.

"In the latter event, the costs may be heavier and we will get less materials," General Yang said.

He indicated the Nanking Government proposed that its ground forces receive US\$7,500,000 of the US\$87,500,000 of the proffered aid, the Air Force US\$28,000,000 and the Navy US\$9,500,000.

The Chinese mission declined to discuss details of what their Government seeks to obtain in this programme, except to say "an allotment for the Navy is to get spare parts for ships the United States has already supplied."

General Yang said he will remain here until "the programme is perfected" and then would return to China.—Associated Press.

**A GHOST  
FROM THE  
PAST**

Berlin, June 1.

The British-licensed news agency, DPD, reported today that Heinrich Bruening, German Chancellor just before Hitler seized the country, would arrive in England this month and planned to visit Holland and Germany before returning to the United States.

The Communist press has periodically claimed that Bruening might come back to head a West German government. Moscow Radio and Berlin Communist papers yesterday charged that Bruening, with the help of Germans under the top German Bizonal administrator in Frankfurt, was trying to return to power in Germany.

In Frankfurt, the administrator told the United Press that such charges were completely untrue. He said he had been in contact with Bruening since the war but denied flatly that he had ever received any political directives from him.—United Press.

**Producers Hostile,  
Says Lewis**

Washington, June 1.

John L. Lewis argued today that he is not required to bargain with the "hostile, arbitrary" Southern Coal Producers Association.

This was his reply to the Government's motion for a Taft-Hartley Act injunction to compel his United Mine Workers to seek a contract with the Association.

Lewis' lawyers filed a motion to dismiss the injunction suit brought by Robert N. Denham, general counsel of the National Labour Relations Board.

The Taft-Hartley law requires the Unions and Employers to bargain in good faith with each other. Lewis has refused to bargain with the Southern group on the ground it did not take part in the previous contract talks.

**Assassination Of  
Czech Communist**

Prague, June 1.

The police disclosed today that Augustin Bram, Colonel of a Partisan group and an official of the Communist Party, was assassinated last Friday night.

The official report said Bram was summoned to the door of his home here, and then shot down by a man with a pistol. The killer escaped.

Only the bare announcement of the killing was published in Prague's newspapers. Communist Party headquarters refused to answer any question about it.—Associated Press.

**EX-KING MICHAEL  
WEDDING MYSTERY**

London, June 1.

Whether Princess Anne of Bourbon-Parma will wed ex-King Michael of Rumania in Athens on Saturday became a deeper mystery today when her mother, Princess Margaret of Denmark, flew home from a 24-hour visit to Michael in Lausanne.

Athens reports that Anne had been taken suddenly ill were denied in Copenhagen, and reporters there watched for a possible attempt to get her away from the city secretly by private plane or motor car.

The couple are due in Athens tomorrow. The ex-King's staff in Lausanne today refused to say when he was to leave for Athens, as Michael wanted all plans to remain hush-hush.

Apart from the fact that she was in good health, nothing was

disclosed today about Princess Anne or her plans, and she herself could not be contacted.

Earlier Athens reports said the religious question—Anne is Roman Catholic and Michael is Greek Orthodox—was holding up the intended marriage.

Authoritative reports from the Vatican said the Roman Catholic Church would not recognise any marriage by Orthodox rites. The Pope has refused a dispensation as Michael has declined to undertake not to interfere in the Catholic education of the children.

Court circles in Athens would neither confirm nor deny the Lausanne reports that Anne has embraced the Orthodox faith.—Reuter.

**MALAN TO FORM  
CABINET**

Capetown, June 1.

Nationalist Daniel Malan conferred for 11 minutes today with the Governor-General at Pretoria and announced that he had accepted the task of forming a new Cabinet.—United Press.

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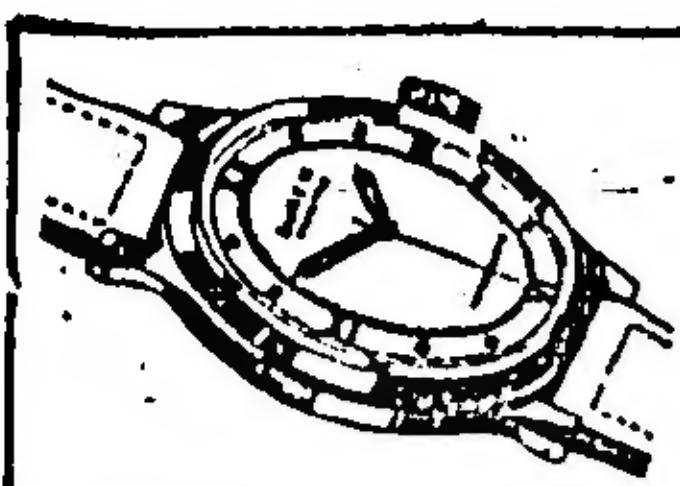












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## ROBINS CLAIMED AS BEST UK COUNTER TO DON BRADMAN

London, June 1.

Among the players to take part in tomorrow's England-Test trial who did well in the series of county matches which ended today were two members of the Test team, Arthur Fagg (Kent) and R. T. Simpson (Nottinghamshire), who batted brilliantly today on the eve of the trial.

Fagg, who made 97 in Kent's first innings against Leicestershire, today reached his first century of the season in the second innings. A sound and consistent bat, his present excellent form must enhance his chance of getting a place in the England team.

Simpson, playing against the Ayrshire at Trent Bridge, where the first Test will be held, earned the distinction of becoming the first player to score two half-centuries off the same bowler in a county match.

At the start of the match, Simpson, who is a right-handed batsman, was in a fine mood, and hit 100 runs off 110 balls, including a fine drive to the boundary.

R. W. V. Roden, who is a left-handed batsman, also played well, and hit 50 runs off 60 balls, including a fine drive to the boundary.

**Great Skipper**  
Many have advocated captaincy by Robertus an England's best counter to the wily Don Bradman. Still, at 42, a full leg break bowler, a forcing batsman and an inspiring fielder, Robins is at all a great

## Photo Finish Apparatus For HK

At the Half-Yearly Meet-

ing of the Hong Kong Jockey Club held recently, the Chairman, Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., announced that the sum paid to Government in Betting and Entertainment Tax for the year ended March 31 amounted to \$3,500,272.

Donations paid and in the course of payment totalled \$419,099. Since these figures have been announced, donations have been increased by a further \$20,000. Mr. Sheldon also mentioned that a totalisator had been ordered from England and would be installed during the summer months of 1949 ready for use in the Autumn of that year, and that the provision of a "Photo Finish" had been agreed upon.

This, it was hoped, would be completed and brought into use in January next.

With the installation of the totalisator a great deal, if not all, of the discomforts of crowding in the Pari-Mutuel stalls should disappear as it will then be possible to bet on any horse in a race, win or place, at any machine, some of which will be spread over the buildings.

## KING PHUMIPHON-ASKED TO RETURN

Bangkok, June 1.

The uncrowned King of Siam, Phumiphon Aduldej, has been invited by the Phibun Government to return to his kingdom for coronation on his birthday, Dec. 5.

If the King accepts, then the coronation of the remains of his brother, who was killed on June 9, 1946, will be held in November, official sources said. The coronation had been previously set for February, 1949, after having been postponed three times.

Meanwhile, the Government will speed up the investigation of the death of King Ananda Mahidol in the hope that a settlement will be reached within the next few months. With the return of the chief investigator from Switzerland, where he interviewed members of the royal household, early trial of the case is being urged.

The invitation to the King to return for his coronation in December is being carried to Switzerland, where the young monarch is in school, by Prince Dhani Nivat, a member of the royal household, who will also urge Phumiphon to carry out the

## RUGBY MEETING

Although the 1948/49 Rugby season is still in the distant future the Football Club are getting on early with the selection of their new players. A committee which will enable them to commence working out the best possible programme for next season.

There will be a meeting of Rugby members and any others in the colony interested in Rugby at the Hong Kong Football Club on Tuesday June 8 at 8.30 p.m.

Provisions for the readjustment of contracts frustrated by the war are contained in the Bill which passed the Legislative Council yesterday to amend the law relating to frustration of contracts.

## To Deport Communist

Washington, June 1.

The Department of Justice today announced the arrest for deportation of Jacob A. Stachel, National Director of Education for the American Communist Party. Mr. Stachel has been removed to Ellis Island to await deportation proceedings. He is accused of illegally entering the United States and of joining a subversive organization after his entry.—Reuter.

## LEAGUE TENNIS

A full programme of games were played yesterday in the Second Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

**C.R.C. "A" v K.C.C.**

At Crowsley, the Crowsley Club beat the K.C.C. Club by 6-1. The K.C.C. Club were one set short.

**Wang Shing and Luk Hing-chang**

(P.R.C.) beat A.E. White and D. Brown 6-1. Best R.C. Club and W.A. Nicholas 6-1. Best G.H. Rowland and R.N. Mundy 6-1.

**Choy Ping-fan and Wong Hing-chang**

(C.R.C.) beat A.E. White and D. Brown 6-1. Best R.C. Club and W.A. Nicholas 6-1. Best G.H. Rowland and R.N. Mundy 6-1.

**RECREO "A" v H.K.C.C.**

Playing at home yesterday, the Recreation Club beat the Hong Kong Cricket Club by six sets to one.

**CHINA "B" v RECREO "B"**

At Kowloon, the China Club beat the Recreation Club by six sets to one.

**H.K.U. v U.S.R.C.**

At Happy Valley, the Hong Kong University Recreation Club beat the United States Recreation Club by six sets to three in the Second Division of the Lawn Tennis League.

**I.R.C. v C.R.C. "C"**

At Sookunpo, the Chinese Recreation Club beat the I.R.C. Club by six sets to one.

**O.R. Sadick and L.W. Omar (I.R.C.)**

beat S.F. Chan and Lee Ming 7-5. Best C.R.C. Club and Lee Ming 7-5. Best C.R.C. Club and Lee Ming 7-5.

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beat S.F. Chan and Lee Ming 7-5. Best C.R.C. Club and Lee Ming 7-5. Best C.R.C. Club and Lee Ming 7-5.

## TSUI BROTHERS WIN DULLEST TENNIS FINAL

Only a handful of spectators saw the Tsui brothers annex the Colony Tennis Doubles title last evening at the Cricket Club Stand-court, in what was perhaps the dulllest finals ever witnessed locally.

Noticeably absent was the championship final atmosphere that usually pervades the court on such occasions.

This might have been due to the large number of spectators who, due to the sudden change of the court, and also to the very little opposition given to the Tsui brothers by the challengers Lee Chun-kit and Y. Y. Lam, who reached the finals by virtue of a walk-over of K. H. Ip and Paul Kong.

Lee and Lam seemed to be overcome by the reputation of their opponents and did not play their usual game except in the last set.

The Club final between B. T. M. Jones and R. Segalen was a lively affair, going to the distance of four sets.

Jones won the first set comfortably by 6-1, with fast and beautifully-placed corner drives, but crumbled in the remaining three sets to the stolid defence of Segalen.

**Colony Open Doubles**  
Tui and Segalen beat Tui and Paul Kong 6-1, 6-2, 6-4.

**Club Championship Singles**  
R. Segalen beat B.T.M. Jones 1-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

At the conclusion of the games, Miss Elizabeth Boyd, distributed the various trophies won in the Colony and Club tournaments.

**New Blood Wanted**  
In a short speech, the Chairman of the H.K.T.A., Mr. H. Overhugh, reviewed the Association's activities during the past year and mentioned that two of the major events were the reformation of the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association and the re-starting of the Inter-Club League.

He regretted that standard of play during the tournament was not on the whole up to expectations, and hoped that more new blood would come to the fore during the next season.

Thanks were expressed to the various umpires and linesmen who had assisted in the various matches.

## INDIAN STAR NO MATCH FOR PARKER

Brussels, June 1.

The United States' Frank Parker, in the third round of the Belgian Championships men's singles, today eliminated India's Narendra Nath, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4. Both players gave an excellent exhibition of first class tennis but the Indian was no match for Parker's machine-like precision.

In the second round of the women's singles, Czechoslovakia's Miss Helen Statuova eliminated Miss Helen Statuova, 6-3, 6-2.

In the second round of the men's singles, Italy's Marcello Del Bello beat E. Donnel of the United States, 6-4, 6-3, 6-3.

In the second round of the women's doubles, Miss Doris Hart and Mrs. Patricia Todd easily eliminated Belgium's Miss P. Bernheim and Miss S. Philippart, 6-2, 6-1.

Miss B. Scofield of the United States beat Britain's Miss Jean Quarter in the second round of the women's singles, 6-0, 6-1.

Miss Mary Arnold Prentiss of U.S. easily beat France's Miss Myrtil Brunarius, 6-1, 6-2.

Miss Barbara Scofield of San Francisco and Miss Helen Ribahny of Boston beat Holland's Miss L. Schmitz and Miss E. Scholten, 6-3, 6-3, in the women's doubles.

The Belgian's Andre Lacroix and Leopold de Borman, beat E. Donnel and W. Young of the United States 6-1, 6-6, 6-1, in the men's doubles.—United Press.

He was replying to questions by a Communist Member, Mr. P. Piratin, and Mr. S. Silverman, a Labour Member.

The War Office, Mr. Stewart said, had had every reason to believe that the forces of the Arab Legion would get out of Palestine before the termination of the mandate on May 15.

## HAMPSHIRE MAKE 65 FOR LOSS OF TWO: NOTTINGHAM DRAW

Southampton, June 2.

Hampshire made 65 runs for two wickets by lunch time today in the first day of their match against the Australian tourists.

The match started at 12.15 (B.S.T.) after the rain had ceased. The Australians, who won the toss and put Hampshire in to bat, made a late change. McCool, suffering from bruised fingers, stood down and Ian Johnson, the off spinner, completed the term.

All the Australians wore sweaters in chilly conditions. Miller, who wore three when not bowling, soon discovered that the pitch was not suited to a pace attack and turned to his off spinners.

At 3.30, Rogers lost his wicket when after lifting Bill Johnston to the sight screen for four, he mistimed a drive off the same bowler and gave Barnes an easy catch at silly mid-on.

The drying pitch made the ball lift awkwardly and Johnston, varying his fast-medium left-arm deliveries, caused both batsmen uncertain moments.

Fifty went up in even time and in the last over before lunch with the total at 65, Dawson played forward to Ian Johnson for another easy catch by Barnes.

**HAMPSHIRE 1ST INNINGS**  
Arnold, not out 20  
Rogers, c. Barnes, b. J. B. 19  
Johnston, c. Barnes, b. J. B. 11  
Dawson, c. Barnes, b. J. B. 11  
Extras 15  
Total (for two) 65

**Nottingham Draw**  
Nottingham, June 1.  
Nottinghamshire, scoring 299 runs for eight wickets in their second innings today, held the Australians to a draw at Trent Bridge.

After lunch, Hardstaff lost 30 runs but then found a good partner in Harvey and they put on 99 for the fourth wicket.

On the fourth wicket, Hardstaff became top scorer against the Australians in for in this tour and proceeded to take the first century of the season off the Australian attack.

Twelve fours and a six were included in his first 100 runs. He survived an obstruction appeal at 99 and was out when, with his score at 107, he tried to hit Ring out of the ground and was caught in the deep by Loxton.

Harvey, a promising young all-rounder, hit a very good 41 before being stumped and Nottinghamshire lost four wickets quickly by 27 runs when the big partnership was broken but with the last pair at the wicket—Keeton was still unable to complete his knock—more wickets were taken by the highest score against the Australians since the tour opened.

**Scoreboard**  
Scores: Nottinghamshire 179  
Australia 1st Innings 400  
**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE 2ND INNINGS**  
Keeton, retired hurt 7  
Winrow, c. Bradman, b. Ian 31  
Johnston, c. Bradman, b. Ian 31  
Simpson, c. Bradman, b. Ian 31  
Hardstaff, c. Loxton, b. Ring 107  
Stocks, c. Brown, b. Miller 70  
Harvey, c. Bradman, b. Ring 41

## HK Success In Postal Shooting

London, June 2.

Hong Kong did well in the Overseas Rifle and Revolver Postal Matches for 1947, the results of which were announced here today by the National Rifle Association.

In the "Lyne-Staunton" Challenge Cup revolver event, Hong Kong were second, four points behind Malta.

They were third in the "Empire Day" Challenge Cup for rifle shooting, won by Palestine, and took sixth place in the other rifle shooting event, the Duke of Gloucester Challenge Cup, won by Barbados.

Singapore was fifth in the last named event and sixth in the Empire Day Challenge Cup competition. Ceylon took ninth place in the Duke of Gloucester Cup event.—Reuter.

## Picking US Olympic Boxers

Chicago, June 2.

Some 180 boxers who proved the best of 50,000 flat-faced American soldiers throughout the world begin today the final U.S. Army and Air Force Olympic boxing trials.

Fifteen teams representing commands in Japan, Germany, Alaska, Hawaii and the six United States Army areas, military district of Washington D.C., and major Air Force groups will throw punches for three days.

The action will trim the field for the finals on June 11. Champions in each of the eight weight divisions then will represent the Army in the Olympic boxing trials at Boston, June 20-29.

**BARBARA ANN NOW PROFESSIONAL**  
Toronto, June 1.  
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## BOSOX LEADING AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York, June 1.

Red Sox, figured to be leading the American League, took their feelings out on Athletics, figured to be in the cellar, as Boston pounded out an 8-1 win to knock Athletics out of first place.

Shortstop Eddie Joost's American League record of a string of 41 consecutive games without error ended when he made a wild throw to the plate, enabling two runs to score in the four-run Boston third inning game. Joost's mark erases records set by Yankees' Frank Crosetti and Red Sox' Joe Cronin who went 28 straight errorless games in 1939.

Phil Marchildon gave up 12 hits, including homers by Vern Stephens and Bobby Doerr.

Dodgers and Giants battled 11 innings to 4-4 tie in a game that was called to permit both teams to catch trains for western road trips.

Dodger Rex Barney, in command most of the time, would have had a shutout except for Whitley Lockman's two homers to account for all four runs. Lockman's first came in the fifth with two runners aboard. But

when Dodgers came to bat Gil Hodges hit a three-run homer, giving the Dodgers a 4-3 lead. Giants tied the score with a second homer in the sixth.

**AMERICAN**  
Boston Red Sox 8  
Philadelphia Athletics 1  
New York Yankees 7  
Brooklyn Dodgers 4  
Cleveland Indians 3  
Detroit Tigers 2  
Chicago White Sox 1  
St. Louis Cardinals 0  
Pittsburgh Pirates 0  
Washington Senators 0

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